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(Special to the "Telegraph")

PEACE OR WAR?

THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WILL DECIDE THIS MOMENTOUS QUESTION FOR FINLAND.

THE ENTIRE SCANDINAVIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT PEACE TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH FINLAND AND RUSSIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRAWN UP, AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED FROM HELSINGFORS.

A "UNITED PRESS" DESPATCH FROM COPENHAGEN QUOTES THE INFLUENTIAL "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" AS CONFIRMING THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

Strict Censorship

The Finnish authorities have clamped a strict censorship on all outgoing messages, however, and no information regarding the rumoured peace terms are being allowed to leak out of the country.

One of the last messages to come from Helsingfors was a dramatic exclusive interview by trans-Atlantic telephone between the New York Bureau of "United Press" and M. Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister.

BRITAIN'S DECISION

Full Aid For Finns If Terms Rejected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 11 (UP).—The Allies have informed Finland that they are prepared to proceed immediately to aid the Finns with all their available resources, announced Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

This announcement is widely interpreted as a tacit admission that the Finnish war is practically over.

The Prime Minister said aid would be sent to Finland "in response to an appeal from Finland."

However, such an appeal has not come. Instead, the Finns are negotiating with Russia.

Some members of Parliament have interpreted the Premier's statement as meaning there is still a possibility of Allied help if the negotiations collapse.

Does It Mean War With Russia? Mr. Chamberlain could not amplify the statement when he was asked whether the Government are proposing to send troops to Finland, or if they are preparing to violate the neutrality of Norway or Sweden.

"Isn't this tantamount to going to war with Russia?" asked Mr. Kirkwood, the Labour member.

"We haven't arrived at that yet," was the Premier's non-committal reply.

Mr. Chamberlain apparently clarified the Allied position with regard to aid for Finland in an effort to protect Anglo-French prestige and to offset predictions that a collapse of the war in Finland would greatly strengthen Germany's position by permitting Russia to increase supplies to the Reich.

Following his statement in the House to-day, a statement was issued from No. 10 Downing Street as follows:—

Downing St. Statement
"As there appears to be a misunderstanding about the reply given by the Prime Minister to a private notice in the House of Commons on the subject of Allied aid to Finland, the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish Government."

In the House, Mr. Chamberlain said:—

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Tanner's Statement

M. Tanner informed "United Press" that the delegation in Moscow had not yet reached any agreement with the Russian negotiators.

All reports to the contrary, said M. Tanner, should be treated with the greatest reserve.

"Fighting continues on all fronts, and fighting will continue if our delegates do not obtain terms that are acceptable to Finland," he added.

BRITAIN'S OFFER

M. Tanner refused to comment on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement that Britain and France were prepared to give Finland all the aid within their power.

"Finland must await word from Russia before she can consider the offer of the Allies," he said.

M. Tanner pointed out that the Moscow Mission was not empowered to accept Russia's terms.

"They are empowered to reject any Russian proposal.

"But if they consider that the Moscow offer merits acceptance, they must first return with the terms to Helsingfors, where they will be considered by Cabinet and Parliament.

DECISION TO-DAY?

"There may be a decision by to-day" (Tuesday).

Meanwhile, newspapers throughout Scandinavia issue special editions in which the alleged Russian terms are banned.

Almost every newspaper in Sweden, Norway and Denmark reports that terms have been reached in Moscow which will end hostilities.

It is reported that the Finnish Prime Minister has already left Moscow by air for Helsingfors. He is flying via Stockholm.

The Scandinavian Press reports that one of the clauses in the agreement which the Finnish Parliament will be asked to ratify is that Finland's future independence should be guaranteed by the Scandinavian countries.

The Copenhagen "Eskra Bladet" and the "Berlingske Aftenavis" both report that the Russian terms are as follows:—

1.—Moderation of Russia's original demands for territory in the Karelian Isthmus.

2.—New frontier to be approximately along the present fighting line from Tampere to the Gulf of Finland, leaving the Mannerheim Line intact and the western shores of Lake Ladoga in Finnish hands. Viborg will also remain in Finnish hands.

3.—Abandonment of Russia's claim for the Hangoo Peninsula, Finland, instead, to lease Finnish territory at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland to Soviet Russia for 25 to 30 years.

4.—Abandonment of Russian demands for the Pechora area.

REDS WANT VIBORG

Intensify Efforts To Capture City

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Helsingfors correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" states that the Russians now stand in a semi-circle round Viborg.

Their attacks, following each other, are undiminished in intensity.

It would seem that they are straining every effort to obtain possession of the town in time to effect discussions.

Hitherto no Russian soldier has succeeded in setting foot in the town, though they were at one time reported to be in one of the far suburbs.

Attacks Repulsed
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—To-day's communique states that the Russians continued their attacks on the shore of Viborg Bay and at Vuoksen.

Many local attacks were repulsed and six tanks were destroyed.

Finnish Airmen Score
PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—French planes scored their 30th victory in air battles over Finland on Sunday, according to information reaching well-informed circles here.

The Finns have become quickly adept at flying the fighter machines from France which have now been operating for several days in Finland.

British Ships Not At Potsdam
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (UP).—A "United Press" report from Potsdam says no British warships are there, but they have possibly arrived at Kola Fjord. However, there is no confirmation of the latter report.

Finnish Aircraft Active
HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—An air communique says that Finnish aircraft continued reconnaissance and also bombed several times enemy detachments of troop concentrations on roads and in Viborg Bay.

They also attacked columns of Russian troops and artillery. Russian planes bombed several towns.

Loss Of Island Admitted
The communique admits that north-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russians have captured a small island in the archipelago of Pihkara.

It is claimed that 2,000 Russians have been captured.

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GERMANS RELEASED IN HONGKONG



THIS IS THE first photograph published in Hongkong of the nine Germans who were released from internment here as a result of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations over the Asama Maru affair. The photograph was taken after the Germans returned to Tokyo. It is stated that arrangements have been made for their return to Germany via the trans-Siberian Railway.—Domet.

RIBBENTROP AND IL DUCE DISCUSS AXIS AGREEMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano talked with von Ribbentrop for 85 minutes. An official communique said the talk covered the international situation.

It said: "the conversation was conducted in the spirit of the pact, alliance and other accords existing between the two countries."

Earlier, von Ribbentrop conferred with Count Ciano alone.

The "United Press" correspondent who saw von Ribbentrop leaving the Papal audience at the Vatican this morning thought he looked definitely relieved.

Diplomatic circles in Berlin report that von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope might be the prelude to a new treaty between the Vatican and Germany.

Ribbentrop's Final Talks
ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Ribbentrop will see Count Ciano this afternoon and afterwards he will be received by Mussolini. He is due to leave at 9.30 p.m.

Precedent Broken
VATICAN CITY, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Contrary to custom, the Papal car which took Ribbentrop to the Vatican did not fly the visitor's national flag, the swastika.

Leaves For Berlin
ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Herr von Ribbentrop left for Berlin to-day at 9.22 p.m. (GMT).

Effect Of Visit To Pope
PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope does not mean that Germany has changed her attitude regarding the Catholic Church, stated a personality in Vatican City to a "Havas" agency correspondent.

This spokesman adds that it makes no difference to the Vatican protests concerning the German persecution of the Church, especially in Poland.

It is further stated that Herr von Ribbentrop visited the Pope to pay homage to the spiritual power of the Holy See, and the Pope took the opportunity to make the protests rendered necessary in the present circumstances.

Telephone Talks With Hitler
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Herr von Ribbentrop had a series of telephone talks with Hitler last night and again to-day, owing to the constant need for fresh instructions to keep pace with the rapidly developing situation.

85-Minute Talk
ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—After a brief interview with Count Ciano, Herr von Ribbentrop saw Signor Mussolini at 5 p.m.

Count Ciano was also present at this meeting, which lasted 85 minutes.

Cordial Parleys
ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—An official communique issued this morning stated that the talks were cordial.

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LATEST

Three Delicate Issues

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—According to reports circulating in political circles here, the most delicate subjects facing the negotiators in Moscow are:

(1) the railway north-east from Viborg to the Soviet frontier;

(2) Finland's future political and military regime;

(3) the status of Hangoo.

The newspaper, "Helsingin Sanomat," which generally expresses the views of Government circles, says: "In the face of the Finnish-Soviet conflict, the Western Powers must decide their attitude. They must understand the necessity of making a decision in view of the possible new orientation of the theatre of war."

Welles Received By The King

LONDON, March 11 (Domet).—Mr. Sumner Welles held conversations for about an hour with Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

Following the interview, Mr. Welles, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the American Ambassador, was received in audience by His Majesty, King George, at the Buckingham Palace.

See Back Page For Further Late News

You Can't Keep An Old Sea Dog Down

Amazing Experiences Of Veteran Capt.

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The term "old sea dog," beloved by novelists and writers of the sea, seems to find its personification in Captain George Simpson who just won't let any wars terrify him.

During the last war he had ships sink under him twice. He was in command of a ship at the outbreak of this war and within a month the ship was raided by Nazi planes.

Last month the ship was again raided and over a week ago it was machine-gunned.

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Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Haiphong Mar. 12.
Japan and Shanghai Mar. 12.
Shanghai Mar. 12.
Straits Mar. 12.
Straits and Palembang Mar. 12.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th March, Mar. 13.
Europe (via Suez and Straits—London date, 25th January), Mar. 13.
Java and Manila Mar. 13.
Manila Mar. 13.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 13.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March, Mar. 14.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 7th March, Mar. 14.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Mar. 12.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London, 20th March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 12, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaysia, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 18th March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 12, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 4th April.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Parcels Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 13.
Japan 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow 1.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due 5th April.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 21st March.
K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 7.00 p.m.
Straits 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 14.
Sundakan 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 21st March.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Parcels Noon.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 14, 7.30 a.m.
Friday, March 15.
Haiphong 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, March 15, 1940, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

Election of Officers and Committee.

And Other Business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

H. D. ROSENTHAL
Hon. Secretary.

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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE,

Hongkong, 29th February, 1940.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 20th March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Friday, 15th March, 1940. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,

Agent.

COMPANY REPORT

H.E.C. To Pay Final Dividend Of \$1.50

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., to be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. and O. Building, 4th floor, on March 21 at 11 a.m. the Directors will submit the following report:

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$2,044,480.39 after allowing for depreciation. Of this amount \$600,000 has been appropriated for the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$1 per share on September 7, 1939.

Your Directors recommend that the balance available for appropriation amounting to \$2,344,480.39 be disposed of as follows:—To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share on 600,000 shares, \$900,000; to pay a bonus of 75 cents per share on 600,000 shares, \$450,000; to place to reserve, \$400,000; to carry forward to next account, \$594,480.39.

During the year The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson resigned his seat as a Director on leaving the Colony and Mr. D. F. Landale was appointed in his place. Mr. Landale resigned on Mr. Paterson's return and Mr. Paterson was re-appointed. In accordance with Article 122 The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson retires and being eligible offers for re-election. The Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, B.A., also retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

In view of the expansion of the Company's business it is thought that the Company should increase the remuneration of the Directors which is set at \$10,000 and a resolution to increase this sum to \$18,000 will be placed before the meeting. The Auditors, Messrs. Linsell & Davis retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

In 1840 Great-Grandmother Went West...



IN 1940 BABY COMES BACK BY AIR

9-MONTH-OLD FLIES OCEAN

ONE HUNDRED years ago, in 1840, a baby girl sailed with her parents from Dartmouth to find a new home in America.

The voyage across the Atlantic lasted three months.

Then the family travelled almost 2,500 miles across the American continent in a covered wagon.

That baby's great-granddaughter, nine-month-old Cecily Williams, arrived in England after having flown the Atlantic.

6,000 MILES

A fortnight ago Cecily was 6,000 miles away at Los Angeles, with her great-grandmother, who is now a centenarian.

From Los Angeles Cecily flew to New York, from there she flew in the American Clipper to Bermuda, and then to Lisbon.

She went from Lisbon to Paris by train, but she flew the last lap from Paris to England.

Cecily is the first baby who has flown the Atlantic. Her father, Captain Fox Williams, of Portland-square, W., and her cousin, Miss Gila Nicholas, came with her.

That evening "Little Miss Muffet" as her father calls her, looked around her at a strange new country where there was no blazing Californian sunshine, and didn't like it—and cried.

But even pioneers get pretty tired after all these thousands of miles.

Pioneer

"Miss Muffet is a real pioneer, like the rest of the family," her father said.

"She behaved splendidly on the journey."

"I had to have oxygen on the way over," Miss Nicholas said, "but not so Miss Muffet. She kept us all cheered."

Although the baby had a passport, she was considered small enough to travel free, and had no ticket. She is being looked after by Miss Nicholas and a nurse, and is going to live at Chester.

Her father, an engineer, is rejoining the British Army.

Tsar's Grandson Wants to Fight

PRINCE ALEXANDER YORIEV-SKY, grandson of Tsar Alexander II of Russia, wants to fight for Britain as an Army officer.

He said so at Stockton-on-Tees, when he applied for his discharge in bankruptcy.

Judge Gurney refused to grant discharge until the Prince had paid 10s. in the £ on liabilities of £621.

"I could not pay a penny in the £," the Prince said.

"I pointed out to the judge my desire to join the Army, and asked him if my bankruptcy would affect my chance of a commission. I was told that this would not be the case."

THEY WILL LEARN WAR BY POST

STOCKHOLM. SWEDEN'S scheme to teach soldiers by post will keep about 50,000 reservists busy during the winter evenings.

The Army staff and the Co-operative Society correspondence school are co-operating in the plan.

Within twenty-four hours of its announcement more than 6,000 applications arrived, many from groups of workers.

The correspondence courses—voluntary—are for the older classes of reservists who want to brush up their knowledge of modern warfare theory before being called up next spring.

Trainloads of Swedish volunteers are leaving for Northern Finland every day.

At a Stockholm factory one thousand workers have offered to work without pay on their Twelfth Night holiday to provide funds for Finland.

Their example will be followed by workers all over the country.

A Loudspeaker War: Reds Warn Of Nazis

Helsingfors.

On the Karelian Isthmus, where the Finns have reported almost daily attacks, the Finnish Army said the Russian invaders sought to give effect to their drives by loudspeaker exhortations that the Finns surrender under the threat that the Germans were coming to help their foe.

"The enemy," the announcement said, "tried to give effect to his attacks by loudspeakers mounted in his positions which exhorted our men to surrender, declaring that Viborg would be taken within 48 hours and threatening that Germans were coming to help him and would kill all Finns."

THE DUKE IN ENGLAND



THE DUKE OF WINDSOR in the uniform of a Major General, photographed as he left the sand-bagged entrance to Claridge's Hotel on a recent trip to England.

MISSING MAJOR MYSTERY A MISTAKE

FOR six days police throughout the country have searched for Major Vernon Moor-Lane (retd.), of the Indian Army.

He landed at Liverpool, and relatives sought peace aid when he failed to appear at his Surrey home, Braemar, The Holt, Farnham, the same day.

Later, he was found him lying in bed at a Liverpool hotel recovering from an attack of malaria.

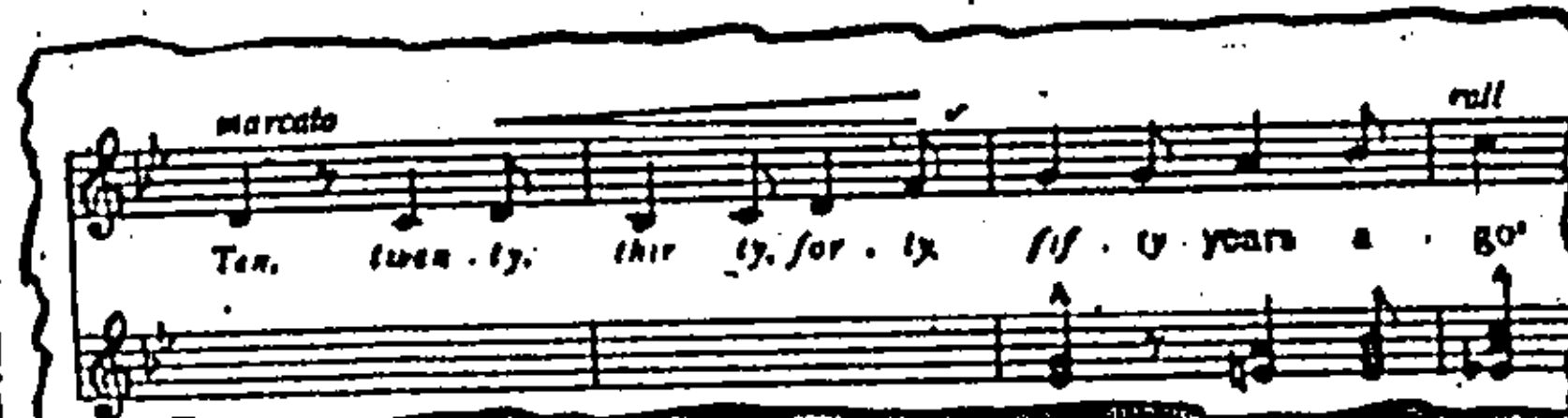
"It's preposterous," he said, "communicated with my solicitor, and told him where I was."

"It is said that I have not been seen since I disembarked, but I came straight to this hotel from the ship about lunch-time on Wednesday."

"I intended to stay here for a few hours until it was time to catch the next train to Surrey, but almost as soon as I arrived I had a severe bout of malaria."

"I have now got over my attack, and shall be fit to travel home in a day or two."

Its Composer Died Recently



By courtesy of Messrs. Boosey and Co., Ltd. Words and music you have all heard—from one of Mr. Barron's most famous songs, "My Old Shako."

'Last Voyage'—The Song He Never Wrote

THE man who wrote that pre-jazz song hit—"My Old Shako"—died in Dulwich Hospital, S.E., recently, 71 years old.

John Francis Barron, who lived at Mount Adon Park, East Dulwich, wrote scores of other popular songs, too—among them "The Trumpeter."

As he lay dying he planned another, a sea song, "The Last Long Voyage."

"As a boy he yearned for the sea," his son, Mr. Francis Barron, said, "but he was rejected because of his eyesight."

"Before he was moved to hospital his thoughts turned again to the sea. 'The Last Long Voyage' was to deal with the sailors of this war."

"And it reflected what was in his mind when he knew that he could not live long."

He had to give up his writing two years ago, for his sight failed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to British War Organisation Fund

The Hongkong Branch of the British War Organisation Fund acknowledges the following donations:

Previously Acknowledged £22,000.00: J. Moodie (monthly), £20; Anonymous, £5; British Staff, Hongkong Telephone Co., £10; J. H. C. C. C. £40; H. B. Jones, £50; M. E. B., £10; R. K. Valentine (monthly), £20; W. J. Field (monthly), £20; L. Trudge (monthly), £10; Mr. and Mrs. Walker (monthly), £20; Mrs. Martin (monthly), £5; A. C. J. Dowker (monthly), £20; Staff of Sanitary Dept., (monthly), £100; K. W. Davies, £10; Leap Year Club (monthly), £10; £1,200 Anonymous, £100; Anonymous, £100; Anonymous, £5; J. S. Dunnet (monthly), £20; E. M. Rayman, £20; F. T. Harris, £10; H. Trudge (monthly), £10; Queen Mary Hospital—Tennis Tournament, £20; H. K. Cricket Club—American Tennis Tournament, £20; D. G. Day (monthly), £15; A. H. Guinness (monthly), £20; E. E. Edin (monthly), £20; E. E. Edin, £20; Cent. Hosp., £200; Royal Norwegian, £25; H. K. Police Force—All Contingents and Clerical Staff (February), £1,000; H. K. Miller (monthly), £12; total £22,000.00.

WE WIN IN AIR—NAZIS

GERMANY is building more and better warplanes than France and Britain combined, the Nazi claim.

They say that, while the Allies have to buy planes from the U.S., Germany can afford to export them.

In fact, Germany has become the leading aircraft exporter of Europe, probably of the world, claims an article in the German High Command magazine, "Armed Forces."

Describing the present European conflict as a "war of factories," the article emphasises the dominating position of Germany's armament industry as compared with that of Britain and France.

£8,200,000,000 Arms

German industry is said to be strong and efficient as never before. This, it is stated, is best shown by the Fuehrer's last Reichstag speech, when he announced that he had spent £8,200,000,000 for the rearmament of the German nation within the last six years.

This enormous figure, the article said, is the best proof of the production capacity of Germany's armament industry.

England, it said, spent £2,300,000,000 on arms and France only £1,400,000,000.

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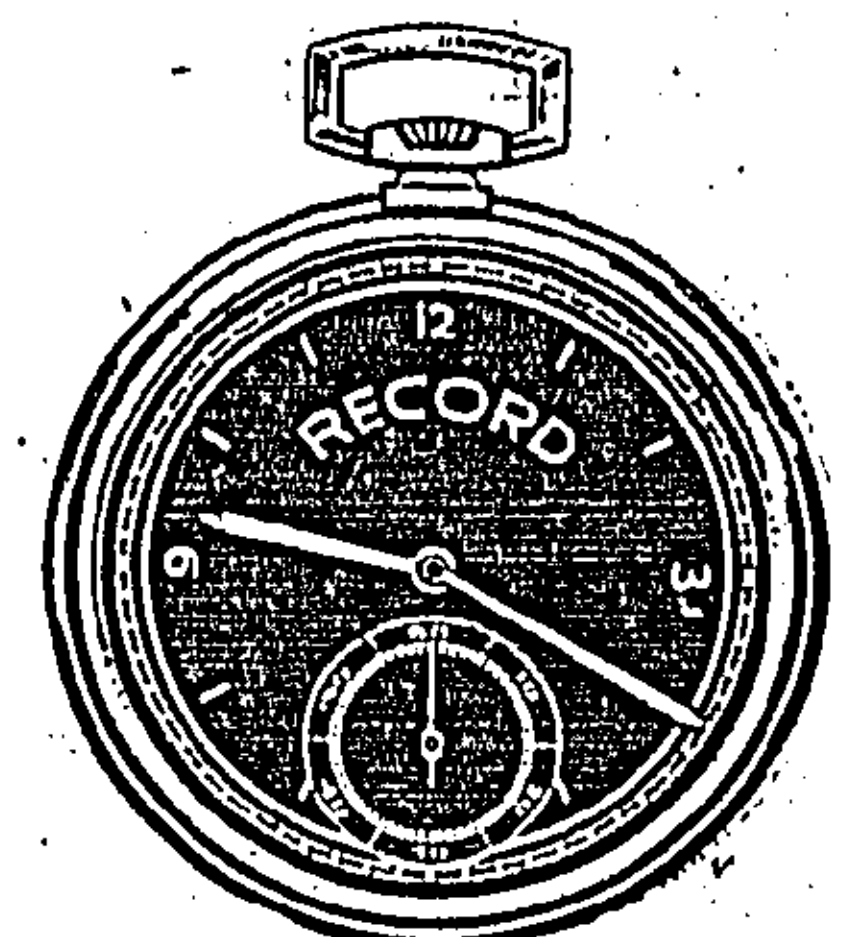
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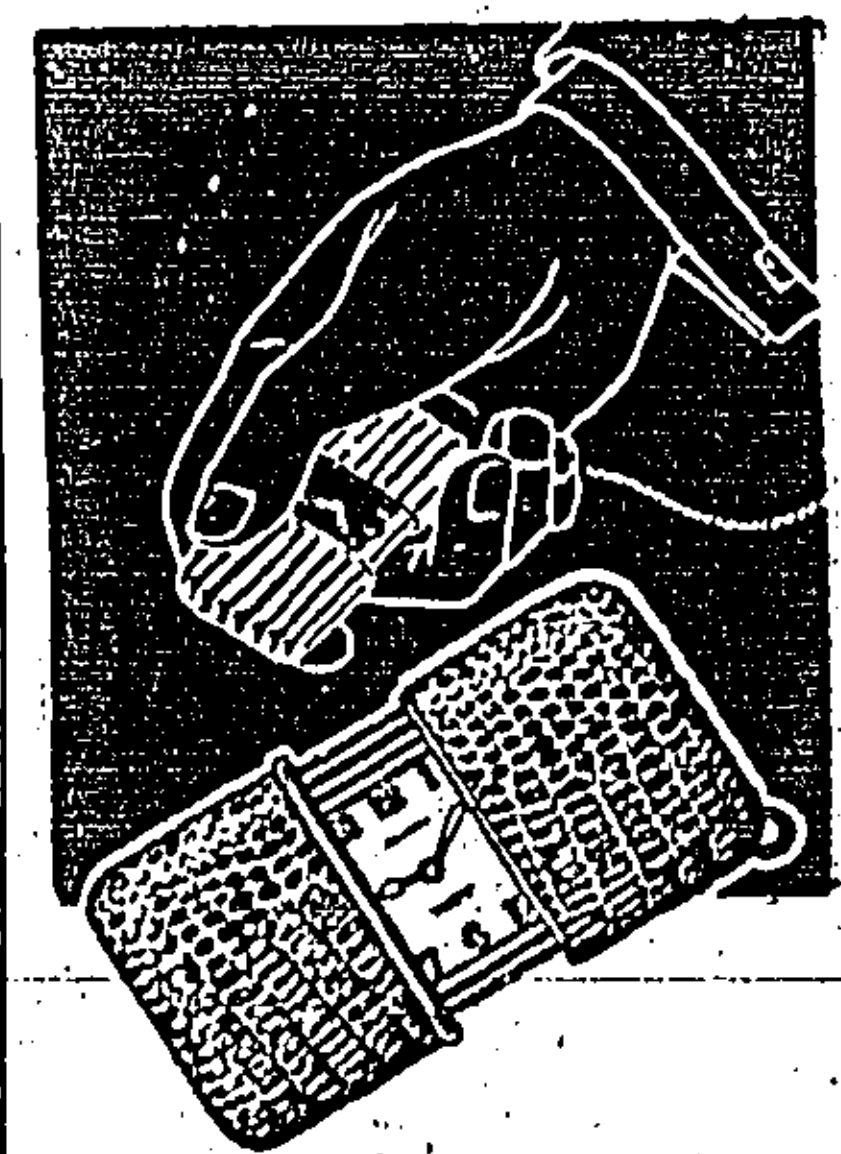
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BRITAIN AT WAR—New Exclusive Series of Articles

ENGLAND and Churchill. They are Germany's pet hates. The Englishman most hated in Germany is Winston Churchill, 65-year-old, cigar-smoking, baldish First Lord of the Admiralty whose "Nazi" on the radio sounds like "nasty."

Churchill is back on the same job he had 25 years ago, and his navy is successfully hunting U-Boats, "not without relish," with able assistance from the Royal Air Force.

HITLER IS LICKED ON EVERY OCEAN

The British conservatively estimate at least 40 U-boats have been sunk, and possibly more. At the start of the war Germany supposedly had 65 submarines in commission and 28 building.

Churchill estimated in Parliament recently the Allies were destroying two to four U-boats a week.

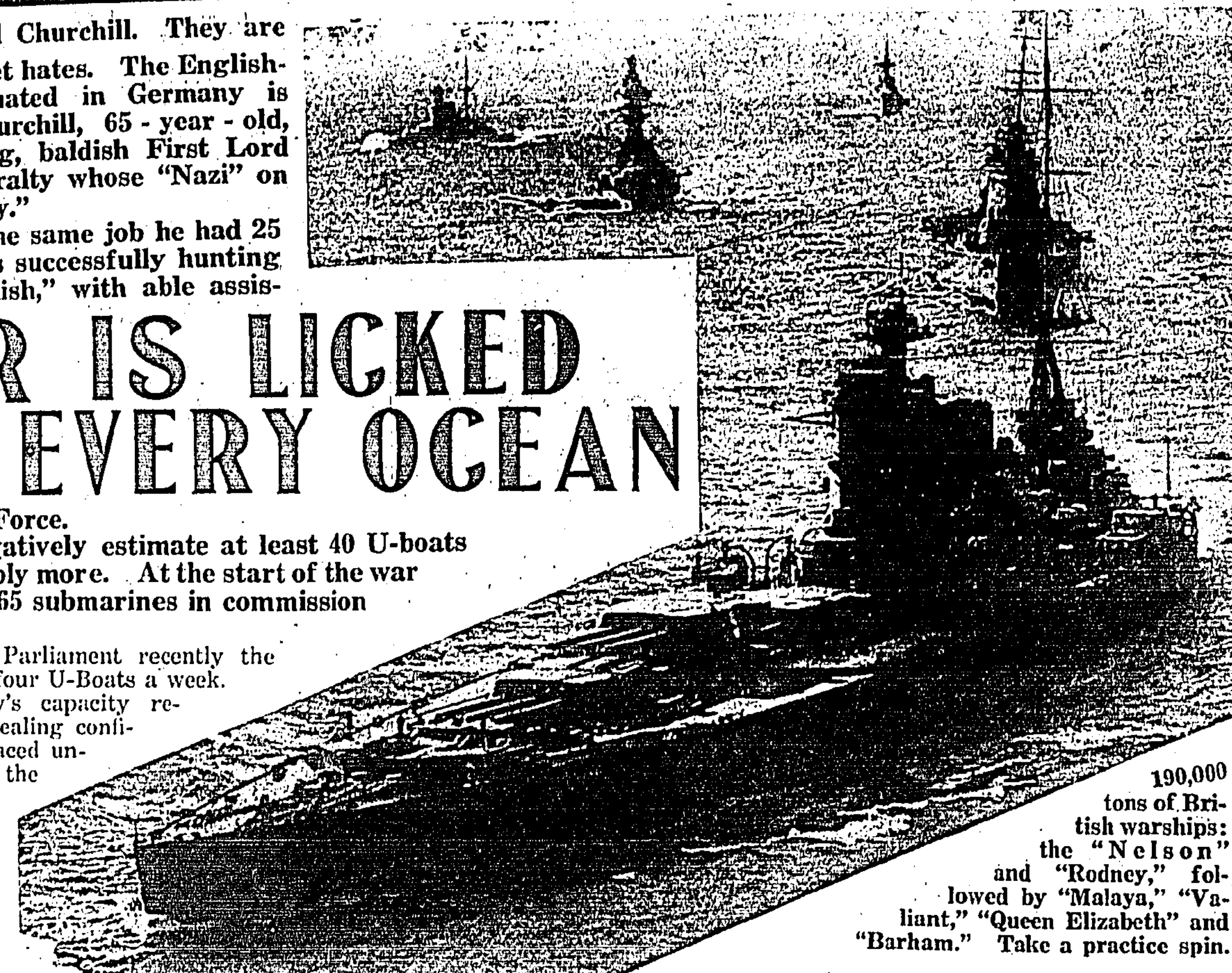
He estimated Germany's capacity replacement at two a week, revealing confidence the U-Boat would be placed under control, particularly as the output of British patrol craft was accelerated.

England was bored by a lethargic war until electrified by the gallant attack of three cruisers against the heavier armed German pocket-battleship Graf Spee, which was chased into Uruguayan waters and later scuttled by its crew.

Death of the Graf Spee contrasted sharply in British eyes with end of the British armed merchantman Rawalpindi, which went down in an unequal struggle with the Graf Spee's sister-ship Deutschland rather than surrender.

Other naval incidents regarded by Britons as upholding their naval traditions include the submarine Ursula's dive under six destroyers after braving German naval and aerial patrols at the mouth of the Elbe river to sink a German cruiser of the Koln class.

This exploit caused an admiral in London to exclaim, "The Elbe is a hell of a place to go."



190,000 tons of British warships: the "Nelson" and "Rodney," followed by "Malaya," "Valiant," "Queen Elizabeth" and "Barham." Take a practice spin.

By Reuel Moore

Each of the major industries is placed under control of a small board whose personnel is drawn almost exclusively from the big units. These big units now have full access to the trade secrets of small independents—name of customers, former volume of business, amounts of raw materials on hand—and the latter dare not "squawk" since they are at the mercy of control boards which allocate supplies and dictate prices.

Thus in iron, steel, aluminium and non-ferrous metals, in wool, cotton, jute, hemp and linen, in leather, paper, timber, cereals, coconut oils and cocoa these independents and their satellite merchants already have some reason to wonder if the war has landed them in a "corporate state."

Naturally, their ultimate fate is unpredictable. But it is noteworthy the government for the first time in history has already established a special register of white-collared unemployed men, largely drawn from small-sized firms and unable to function 100 per cent. in the war machine.

Unlike France, Britain has not yet tackled wholeheartedly the problem of inflation. Something has been done to peg prices, but nothing to peg wages.

The Board of Trade has been working day and night to find the new cost of living index based on several hundred thousand family budgets. Some quarters believe when the new index appears the national government will announce a wage policy.

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British factories are turning out hundreds of planes, and officials estimate the production capacity by next month will be eight times what it was when the air expansion programme began five years ago.

A gigantic empire training scheme in which British, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian fliers will complete their training in Canada has already begun. The first British pilots are expected to reach Canada this month. The first Australian fliers are already in England.

Britons believe Germany has not yet attempted an air " blitzkrieg " against England at least partly because British defences with fighting planes and anti-aircraft batteries have showed a formidable ability to retaliate.

WAR already is making profound changes in business and industrial life in Britain.

Few Englishmen any longer repeat H. G. Wells' gloomy prediction that another great war means the end of civilization. But lots of them, especially small business men, are beginning to get the impression from the trade and financial press that the war's end will see the end of their easy-going money-making ways.

They already see signs Britain is becoming highly "bureaucratized," with big industrial concerns dictating policy and small concerns signing innumerable questionnaires on the dotted line.

The war effort on Britain's gigantic scale requires big units, and already the tendency is to make big companies bigger and small companies red-taped and disciplined as never before.

It is not generally realized that Britain, unlike the United States, thus far has been the stronghold of small and medium-sized companies, of which there are some 1,800,000 to place the imprint "Made in Britain" upon goods shipped to every corner of the world.

For one Lancashire Cotton Corporation—the world's largest cotton spinning company—there are 400 small cotton spinners.

In chemicals, alongside the levathan 77,000,000-stirling, Imperial Chemical Industries, there swim fearlessly a school of independent concerns some 300 strong.

Disputing the 10 major groups in iron and steel are still several hundred independents who never have inflated their capital, never went bankrupt and can still turn out steel cheaper than many of the big fellows.

Handling the small outputs of these countless independents are hundreds of thousands of merchants—the cotton industry alone has 1,700 firms as producers and 2,300 firms as merchants.

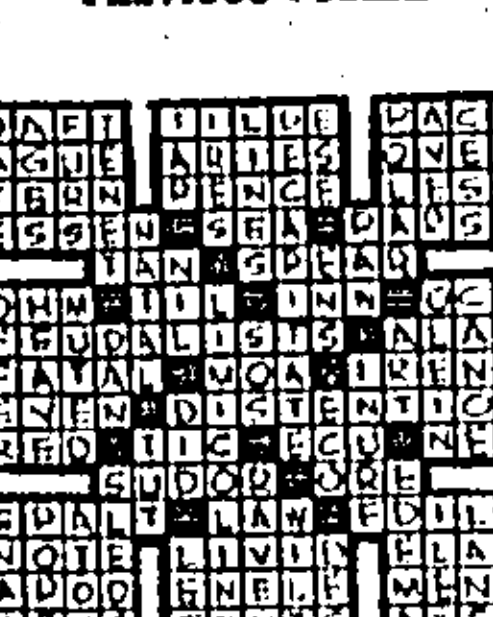
THE first impact of war has been to place both independents and merchants "on the spot."

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1—Suggest indirectly
 - 2—Hammock
 - 3—Favor in
 - 4—Succumb
 - 5—As usual
 - 6—Showing instant
 - 7—Feeling
 - 8—Recently deceased
 - 9—And so
 - 10—Point in east
 - 11—Direction
 - 12—Man-eating monster
 - 13—Illustrious Italian
 - 14—Family
 - 15—Fish Galle
 - 16—Pipe connection
 - 17—Crown
 - 18—Mohammedan prince
 - 19—Chain (Portuguese)
 - 20—Well-known
 - 21—Old English
 - 22—Chase
 - 23—Morose
 - 24—City of Victoria
 - 25—Breasting chamber
 - 26—Worm in under-stand
 - 27—One of Great Lakes
 - 28—Tried to penetrate
 - 29—Relative local position
 - 30—Branch of hearing
 - 31—Membrane
 - 32—Sound made by cat
 - 33—Members of human race
 - 34—Bird of good omen
 - 35—Celestial body
 - 36—Chill and fever
 - 37—Cape
 - 38—Type of bear
 - 39—Voted passage
 - 40—Mingled with
 - 41—Dance of action
 - 42—Combining form
 - 43—Wine



- DOWN**
- 1—Spartan
 - 2—Visible
 - 3—Polonium
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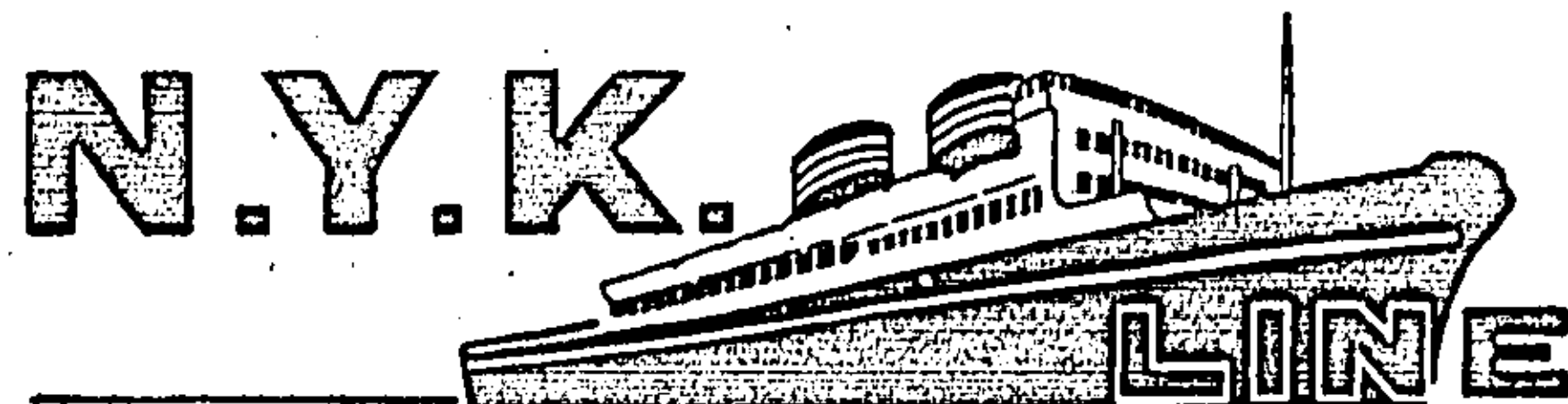
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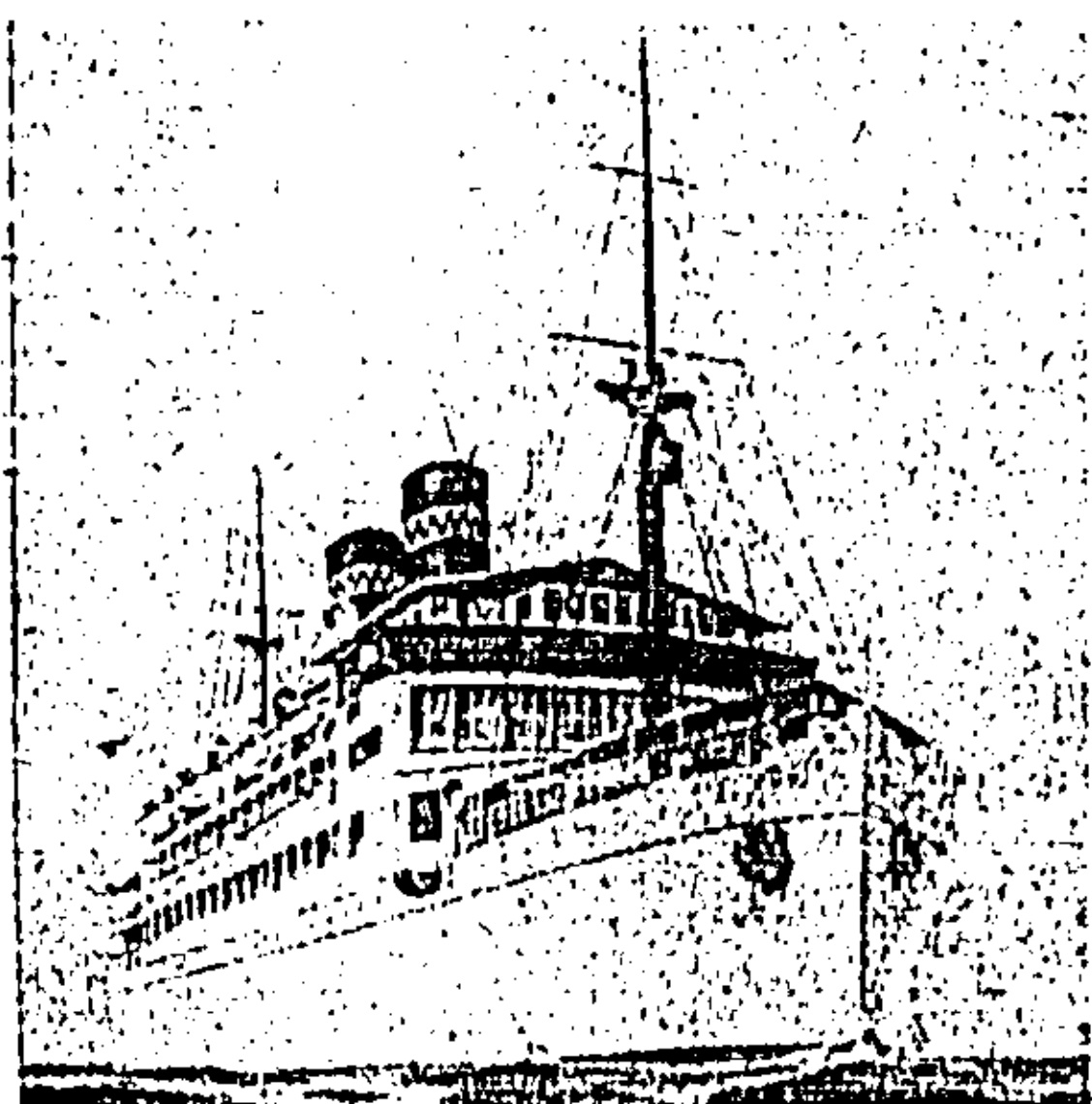
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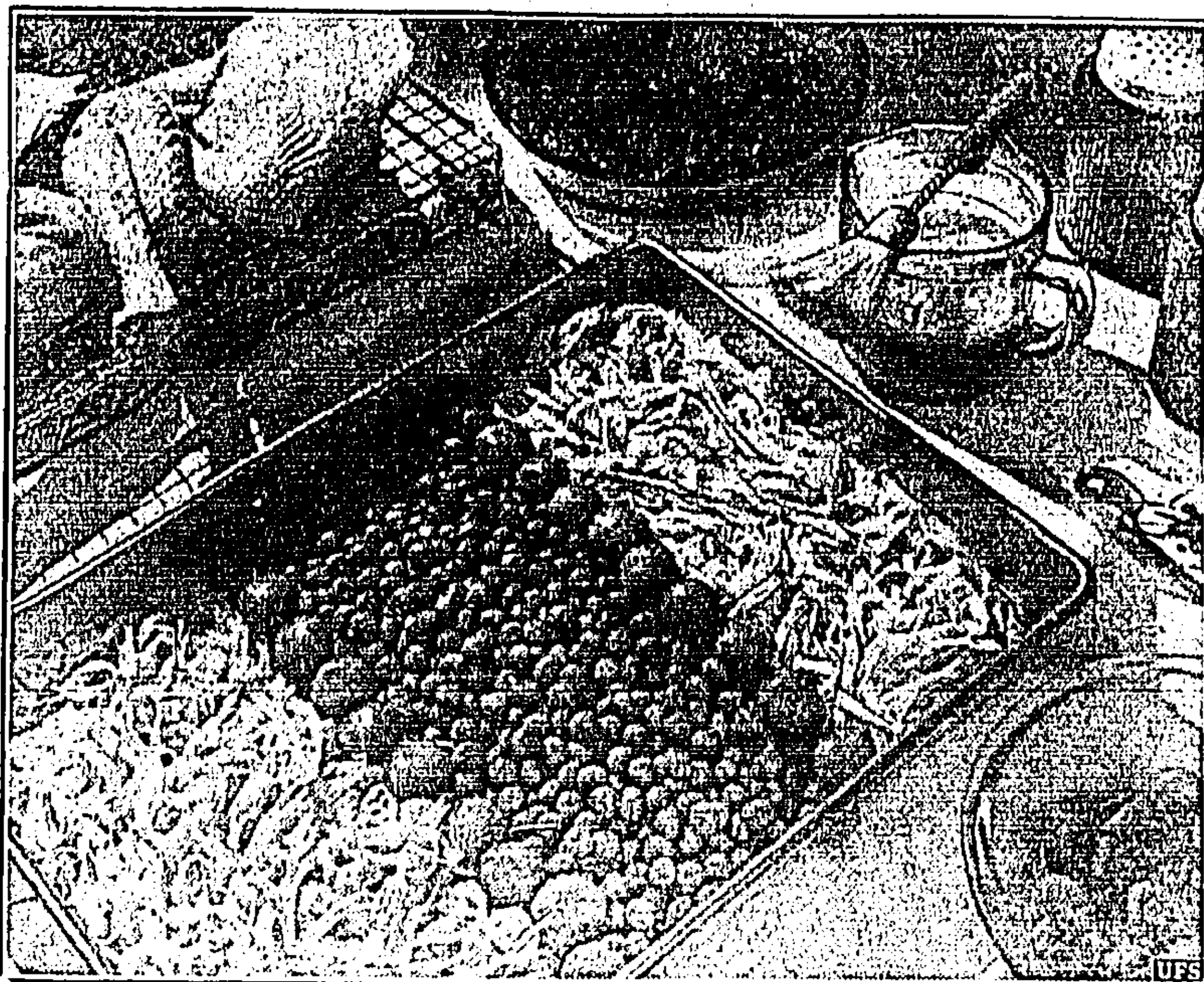
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Liver And Bacon Broil With Tomatoes

By JUDITH WILSON

THERE is no doubt about the popularity of broiled dinners. The cook likes them because they are so simply prepared, the guest because they look and taste good. These are facts which everyone knows. But what every housewife does not know is that the same heat units used for broiling the meat may also be utilized to heat the entire main course.

DINNERS

Broiled Ham
Broiled Sweet Potato Slices
Broiled Pineapple
Broiled Buttered Peas
Watercress and Lettuce Salad
Chocolate Frosted Layer Cake
Coffee

Broiled Hamburgers
Broiled Small White Onions
Broiled Buttered Noodles
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Apple Pie and Cheese Coffee

Your broiler pan provides an excellent way of using vegetables and also left-overs. This method of cooking makes good use of the meat juices that drip from the meats when broiling. Most vegetables and fruits need only the addition of salt and pepper and melted butter for the broiling process. Occasionally, buttered bread crumbs or grated cheese may be added, as the food chosen might demand. The result is always a more savoury dish with this type of cooking.

To some extent the type of broiler pan you have governs your method of preparing broiler pan dinners. If the pan under the broiler rack is deep, place the accompanying vegetables there. Otherwise they may be placed on the rack alongside the meat. The vegetables should, in most cases, be pre-cooked, but the use of canned vegetables eliminates this necessity.

Fresh tomato halves, fresh onion slices and mushroom caps, along with such fresh fruits as bananas and apple slices and canned pineapple rings, require no pre-cooking for broiler meals. They are delicious broiled under the meat rack, or on it with the meat, and will provide the necessary contrast in flavour to round out this type of dinner.

It is usually best to have the food in the lower part of the broiler pan heat through under the broiling unit first. Then place over it the meat rack and continue the broiling until the meat is cooked rare, medium or well done, as you like it. This gives the vegetables a chance to become browned and seasoned with drippings from the meat.

A good way to serve liver and bacon is as follows:

Liver And Bacon Broil

Cut calf's liver into 1½ inch squares and salt. Cut strips of bacon into squares. Place on skewers using alternate squares of liver and bacon and a mushroom cap to tip the skewer. Place on heated broiler, 4 inches under the broiler flame and broil for 12 to 15 minutes turning occasionally to brown evenly. Serve with halves of tomatoes topped with buttered crumbs and broiled with meat. If you have a deep broiler pan, follow suggestions made above and broil tomatoes first; then continue broiling under the meat until the meat is done.

Delicious Combinations

Other meats for broiling include chicken, ham, steak, lamb chops, hamburgers, ground lamb patties, veal kidney and veal cutlet. You may have your own favourite vegetable combinations to go with these meats, but here are some which may not have occurred to you before and which you may deem worth trying.

1. Broiled steak with peas, either fresh or canned, flowerets of cauliflower and tomato halves. After the broiling is completed on the steak, you might like to try spreading it with creamed Roquefort cheese, to which a dash of Worcestershire sauce has been added. Let this brown

lightly under the broiler and serve immediately.

2. Veal cutlet with stewed corn and pineapple slices. Place the corn in the broiling pan under the meat and broil the drained pineapple slices on the rack beside the meat. The combined juices dripping into the corn will please you. As veal is a lean meat, dot it with butter after it is dredged with flour for broiling.

3. Veal Kidney. Have most of the fat removed and the kidney sliced. Dredged with flour and broil over carrots and apple slices in broiler pan below. Pre-cooked noodles may be arranged beside carrots and apples in the pan.

HINT TO HOUSEKEEPERS

Heavy bedspreads that have become too old for use will give valuable service as sounding cloths for the dining room table.



The sketch above is of a popular "little white fur coat." This fur is favoured for town wear, and, stylists say, will be good for all four seasons of the year. Other new-looking styles in it include a swaggar jacket and a hooded, short cape.

Appetites are whetted when a broiled dinner like this is underway. Fresh or lined vegetables may go into the broiler pan with the meat. This broiled chicken dinner is combined with egg noodles and, to facilitate preparation of the meal, tinned peas and mushrooms are used.

Fashions For Men

By BARCLAY SWAIN

THIS year there will be a few new things put on the market that will be of interest to men. New fashions as a shade in men's felt hats, with the silk band in a darker shade. We find them becoming to almost any complexion and highly adaptable. They blend with any colour. Also, they should be practical for they will not show dust readily.

New also is the use of latex yarn in underwear and also in a weather-proofed poplin. The latex is used in winter weight stuff and does away with buttons and joggles. For most men, who cannot stand wool next to their skins, a 50 per cent wool and 50 per cent cotton long underwear suit has been turned out. The cotton is all on the inside while the wool is all on the outside.

Good For Winter Sports

Long wool underwear is best for winter sports. It permits you to go about with a minimum of clothing and a maximum of warmth. We found a lightweight, very soft, pre-shrunk 100 per cent wool suit warm on a trip in Maine in the late fall and indispensable for weekends in "cotton country" farmhouse. If you are not allergic to wool, it is now made itchless.

A new gadget is a steel block for a man's hat. You simply keep the hat on it when it is not being worn and helps it to hold its shape. Perfect, too, for cleaning the hat and a bit of amateur blocking.

Thin Corduroy For Suits

Corduroy has always appealed to us as a casual cloth for sports and semi-sports wear. Now there is a new type, very soft, very porous and very thin; is designed for summer suitings. The golden brown swatch we saw looked swell; we'd like very much to see how it makes up into suits and how it feels in summer.

Another attempt to bring out checks is being made. They will appear in everything: sports coats, ties, socks, handkerchiefs, caps and coats. White ground ties of the Spitalized variety will get a big play. That witless article, the short raincoat that comes only to the knees, is here again. Avoid it—it drips the rain all over your pants.

Covert cloth in a newer and softer form is being turned out by one of its leading makers. Maybe it will appear in suits now. We thought it nice to look at but tough to wear when we last saw it in that form.

Clear Lovely Eyes

By JACQUELINE HUNT

"She talks with her eyes"—haven't you often heard that statement about a girl with unusually attractive, expressive eyes? Any woman can have "talking eyes" if she gives them intelligent care, shapes her eyebrows properly and uses her makeup with skill.

Eye care begins with the general health, for any illness, nervousness or loss of sleep is immediately reflected in the eyes. The eyelids droop, the eyes are dull and expressionless, the whites have a yellowish tinge or may be even bloodshot. If you hope to have lovely eyes, keep the rest of your body healthy. Pay attention to your diet for well-balanced meals are essential to sparkling eyes and good vision. Vitamin A, found in carrots and other vegetables and fruits, in butter and cream, is especially needed.

Get sufficient sleep, fresh air and outdoor exercise. The latter is a problem in the winter time, but if you want to keep that rosy-cheeked, clear-eyed look make a special effort to have a brisk daily walk to arouse your circulation. If possible learn an outdoor sport like skating or skiing.

Use An Eyewash

Eye hygiene is simple. It isn't necessary to bathe your eyes every single day. Nature has provided a delicate saline solution that is constantly doing that for you. Normally this fluid also keeps the eyeball lubricated and sterile. In the winter, however, especially in cities, cold and smoke may dry out this natural moisture, so it is wise to use a mild solution of salt or boric acid when you come in from an afternoon outing or shopping tour.

Use an eyewash, too, before you apply eye make-up for an evening party and again after you have removed eye shadow and mascara by washing gently with clear, warm water. When your eyes are very tired, when there are puffs under them from lack of sleep or prolonged strain, make little compresses and keep over your eyes while you rest or nap. It makes little difference what you use, squares of cotton squeezed from a warm boric solution, warm tea leaves, witch hazel or salt water are all soothing and refreshing. The ready-made eye masks treated with a pungent camphor compound are grand for lifting your spirits as well as brightening your weary eyes.

Use little eye make-up except for evening. Eye make-up helps to make a setting for your eyes, but it's



This is the type formal black winter coat you'll want to set off the beauty of your fur jacket or scarf! It's made of an interesting ribbed all-wool fabric, fully interlined so that it can be worn separately. The youthful Princess lines have the new front fullness that vies with the snug fitting neckline and squared off shoulders for your attention.

the clearness, sparkle and expressiveness that count most. One of the most frequent questions I receive from girls is, "How can I make my eyelashes grow longer?" Many cannot do anything about it. A few have found that rubbing the lashes with an eyelash cream at night and pulling them gently does seem to increase their length if practiced faithfully over a length of time.

Keep Powder Off Eyelids

Be very careful at all times about applying powder around the eyes. Except for party make-up or special occasions when you expect to have your picture taken keep powder off your eyelids and be careful to brush every stray flake from your eyebrows and lashes. Then rub your finger lightly over some lash-cream, petroleum jelly or colourless eye stick and sweep over your lids. The soft sheen seems to add sparkle to your eyes!

There are a few exceptions to the rule that eye make-up should be used sparingly or not at all in the day time. If your eyes are very pale in colouring you can give them and your entire face character by the judicious use of shadow and mascara for all dress occasions. See that your eyebrows have a clear-cut line with no straggling hairs, and darken them enough to contrast definitely with your skin. Apply shadow, blending it over the entire lid and out and up toward your brows at the outer tips. For pale brown or hazel eyes, use violet or green shadow to make them seem darker. Pale blue eyes are given depth and darkness by blue or blue-violet shadow, while for light green or gray eyes a darker shade of green or violet is effective. Use black or dark brown or blue mascara on your lashes.

Skating Star's Diet

Sonja Henle keeps her curves under control by following a strictly vegetarian diet of raw vegetables and salads when she is not working, but goes in heavily for proteins when she is making a movie or on her personal appearance tours. When working she usually eats only two meals a day; one about two o'clock in the afternoon—usually a thick, juicy steak and vegetables. She has another, similar meal after she has finished the show. She likes a bedtime snack of hot milk, fruit, a chicken sandwich, or more steak. She is 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds and has a 24½-inch waistline. For girls who like to compare figures, her bust is 34 inches, hips 35½ and she wears a size 4½ shoe.



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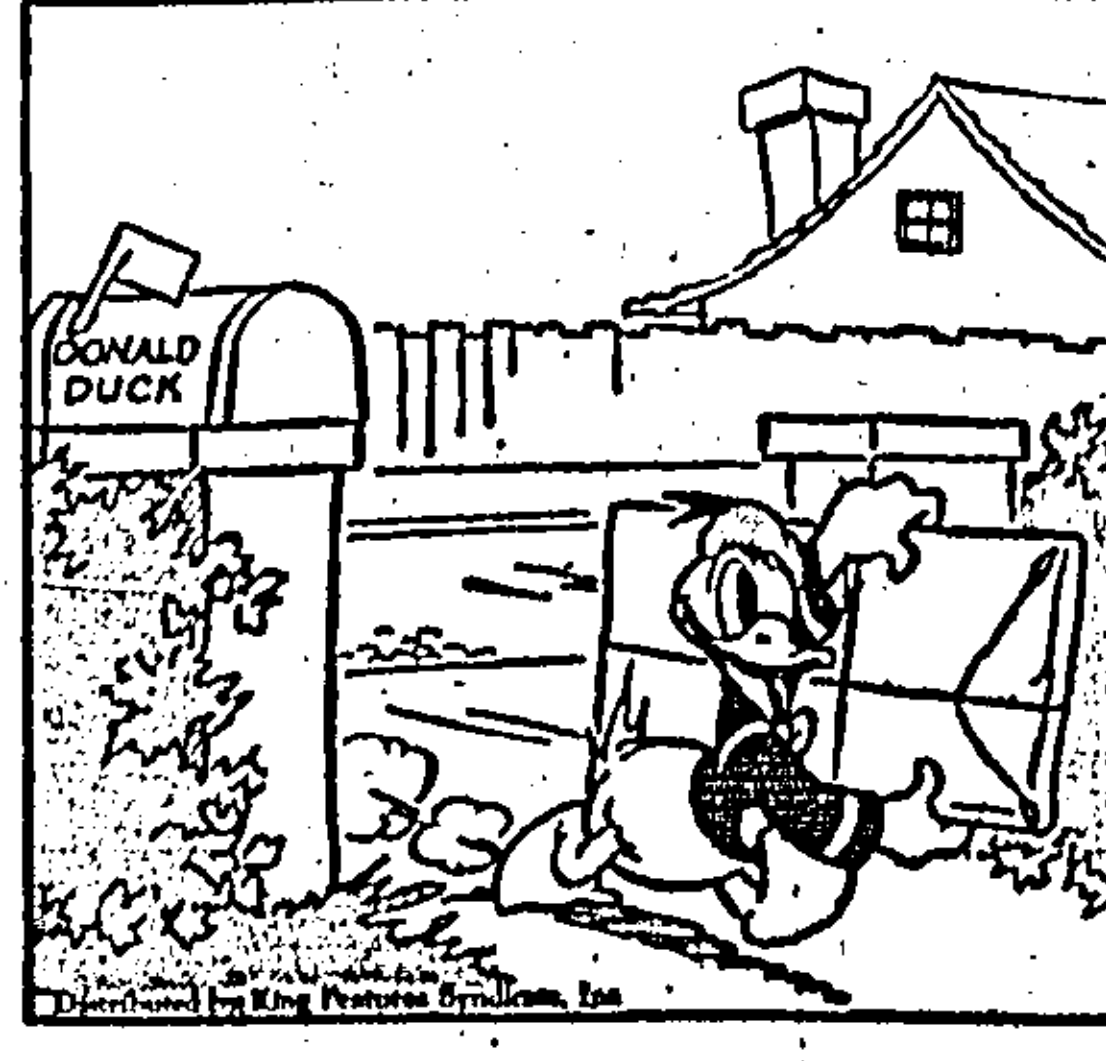
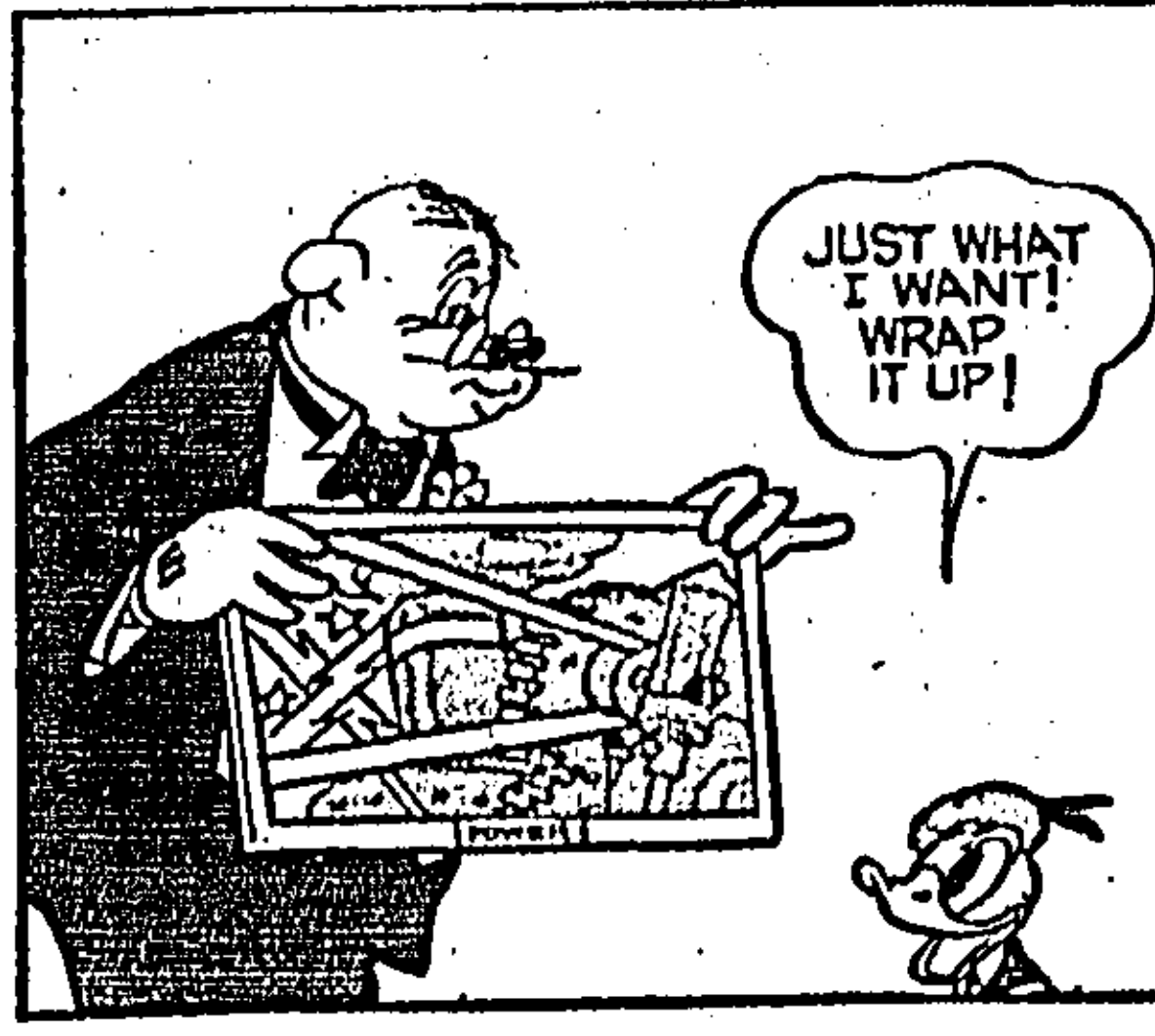
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Bombers Now Have Four Guns To Answer Nazi Fighters

Secret of New R.A.F. Equipment Is Out

By AN AIR CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S airmen have discovered to their cost—that it can now be revealed—that since the outbreak of war practically the whole of Britain's bomber force has been re-equipped with more formidable armament.

The Wellington, for example, now generally recognised as the finest bomber in the world, is surprisingly better than it was before the war.

Recent photographs reveal that the Wellington now have twin guns in their turrets. Flying in close formations of three they can bring among them 12 machine-guns to bear on any attacking fighter.

So far they are the only British aeroplanes which have stood a pitched battle over the North Sea and then flown on with their bombs to the German harbour which was their objective.

But the harbour was devoid of shipping, so they returned to their base without unloading their bombs.

Airports Photographed

Photographs taken over German aerodromes by British planes flying at only 2,000 or 3,000ft. may be released for publication soon.

One photograph actually shows in one corner the wing of a German aeroplane landing while British bombers are machine-gunning it.

Two German planes were machine-gunned, for as they flew home they were apparently unaware that the heavy bombers circling round their landing ground were British.

Aerodrome after aerodrome, as well as the whole Siegfried Line, has now been photographed until it is almost possible to build up a complete air-map of secret Germany as far inland as Berlin.

Ordeal By Night

At night-time, too, our bombers are continuing reconnaissance flights which constitute some of the most heroic efforts of the war. Incidentally, pilots say that the German blackout has recently got much blacker.

Night flight R.A.F. men have a hard task. They take off just after dark and fly across the North Sea for more than 300 miles without seeing a thing. All too often the first indication of their arrival over Germany is a tremendous burst of "fire-works."

Every type of projectile is hurled at them—and it all helps to confirm for them that their navigation has been good.

Soldier In The Kitchen

DURING an argument in cafe at Hampton Wick, Middlesex, Miss May Purvey grew scared of a customer's rising temper.

She had accused Ernest Palham, a 66-year-old night watchman, of stealing her wrist-watch.

Palham denied the accusation.

Her Secret

Miss Purvey, who is 22, could have called for a man's assistance because her soldier friend was in the kitchen washing crockery for her.

She explained why she did not do so, when Palham was charged with the theft at Feltham Police Court.

"I had kept it a secret that my friend helps me wash up," she told the magistrates.

"He would not like it spread about for fear of being laughed at."

Dismissed

"Why didn't you at least tell him?" she was asked. "A man was wanted, yet you neglected to use the help at hand. Surely the soldier wasn't frightened of tackling him?"

"No," she replied.

Palham said he was justly indignant at being accused, as he had been a customer at the cafe for two years.

The charge was dismissed.

TRIAL OF YOUNG

Journalist Charged In Tokyo Court

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

The trial of Mr. James R. Young, Far Eastern representative of the International News Service, was opened in the District Court at 10.35 this morning. Seven minutes after the opening of the trial the public was excluded.

Judge Kaname Hotta and Procurator Kurihara presided while the Court Interpreter was Professor Hideo Ogata of the Law College in Yokohama.

Three attorneys appeared for the defence: Messrs. Fumio Takeshima, Yoshio Fukuba and Yoshio Suzuki.

According to the Japanese Press "sufficient proof has been collected" that "Section" of the Procurator's Office of the Tokyo District Court to substantiate the charges of fabrication and circulation of rumours laid against Mr. Young, irrespective of whether Mr. Young will recognise it or not.

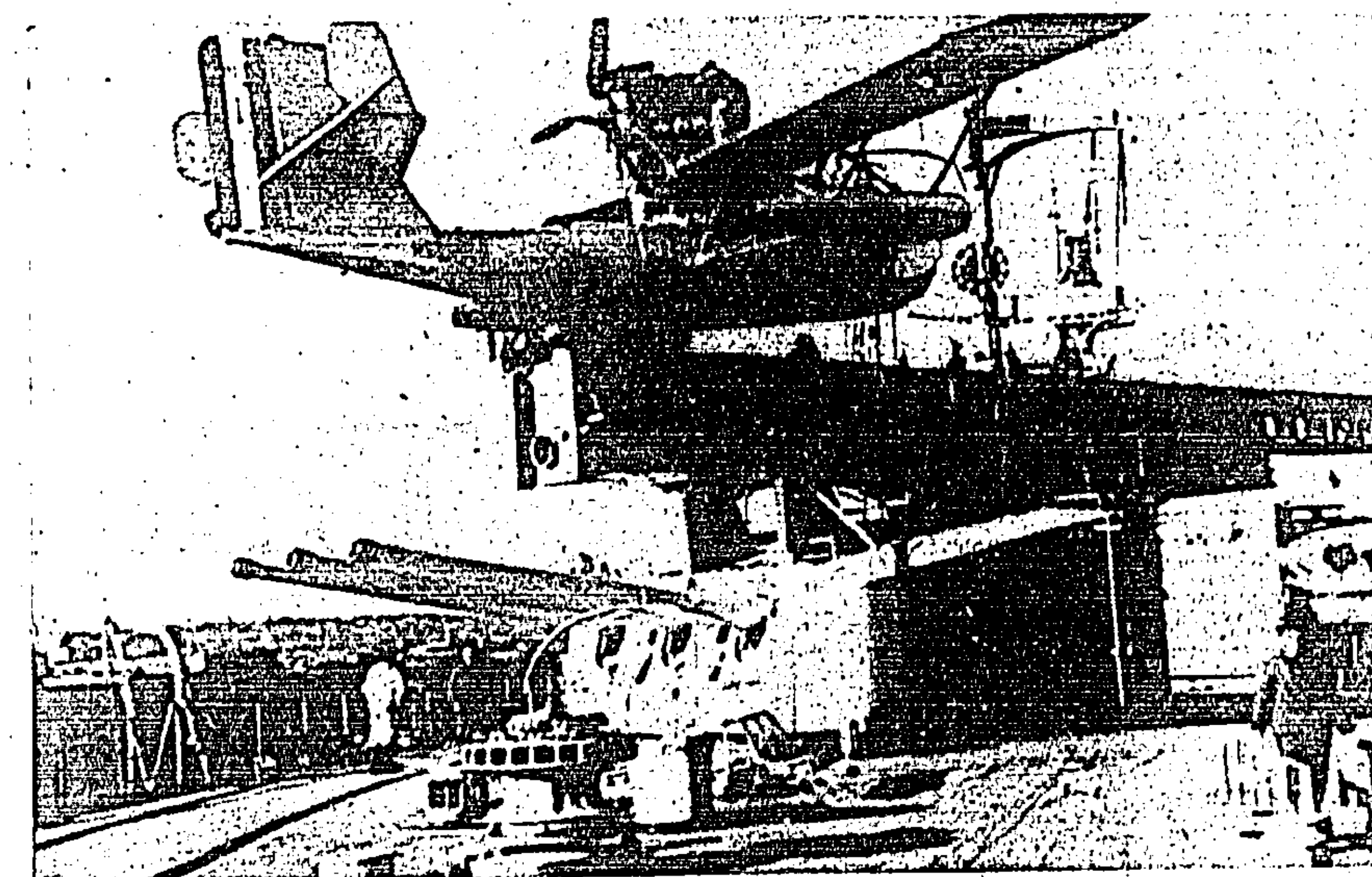
Mr. Young was arrested on January 21 at the Imperial Hotel.

Adjudged To Friday

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

The next session will be on Friday. Three Americans were allowed to be present to-day. Miss Young, a Y.M.C.A. official acting as her translator and an Embassy observer.

Young appeared to be in good health and spirits.—United Press.



A FRENCH HYDROPLANE being tuned up in preparation for a reconnaissance flight over the Mediterranean.—French Official Photo.

'I will not leave my Country' says Sibelius

FINLAND'S GREAT COMPOSER WILL STAY WITH PEOPLE

HELSINGFORS.

JEAN SIBELIUS, the man of seventy-four who has put the spirit of Finland into music, has received invitation after invitation to leave his war-locked country—and has refused them all.

In fact, nothing irritates him more than people who suggest he is in danger. He has infinite faith in the men who are defending his homeland.

"They're Finns, aren't they?" while bombs drop around him is Vaino Aaltonen, celebrated sculptor.

He still works in his villa in the suburbs, except when raiding planes come over. Then he goes out on the roof with a thirty-two calibre gun and pops at them.

Pistol Practice In Studio

Not so monastic as Sibelius, Aaltonen received me in his studio and proudly slung his gun over his shoulder.

"Sometimes they fly low. Once they were only 100 yards above my head, I'll get one yet," he said.

In his studio was a pocket-sized blackboard. I asked what it was for.

"I do pistol practice every morning. If a Russian comes within range I'll shoot him," he answered.

Beside the blackboard was a beautiful peasant Madonna and Child. Aaltonen's work that is best known in England is the sculpture on Helsingfors modernistic railway station. He is most proud of that, especially of a figure of a young poet.

The Russians have frequently bombed the station. He said: "If they destroy my work there I'll be very angry."

The Spirit Of Battle

He is carving a female statue of Freedom to replace the figure of the Russian Czar Alexander in Helsingfors University. He is also working on an enormous portal for a frontier bridge.

That, too, has an apt theme. The figures are of soldiers and peasants fighting aggression.

Another world-famous Finn artist who goes on working

is now working on a new composition that is nearing completion. It will be first played in Finland, he says.

Another world-famous Finn artist who goes on working

PARIS. WOMEN will need a lot of leisure to dress and undress, with the new Paris fashions finally signed, sealed and delivered by the remaining Big Four of the Paris dress world.

Science Puts A Head On



I thought a chemist was a guy concerned with blowing me sky-high. I thought he used his well-trained wit to tear the universe to bits. I got them wrong, these gifted boys. For two of 'em, in Illinois, have handed out a Big Idea for putting sturdier froth on beer.

Now, thanks to ultra-violet rays. The head on every half-pint stays an extra half-an-hour intact—a very interesting fact.

I don't suppose you'd wait to blow it. But still, I thought you'd like to know it.

H. R.

Buttons are not only ornamental but slowly unfasten from throat to knee. Long evening jackets unhook slowly throughout their length.

A new pencil silhouette launched by Paris houses at the last minute is a challenge to the otherwise universal full-skirted effect.

Sheath-like evening suits, with late Victorian drapes where the bustle used to be, scarcely allow room to walk. Severe tailcoats, just below the knee, are straight and narrow, with a pleated apron to give a false effect of fullness.

Ice Cream Cones

Evening headresses include "ice cream" cones on the back of the head, some of them trimmed with a wreath of flowers, some with sequins, others with holo brims or nets. Or they have cobweb veils sweeping behind for several feet.

Out of the week's fashion forecasts one thing is certain, that if you do not wear suits you will wear dresses with a blouse effect.

Bows make their bow and sashes are almost as popular as belts.

Optimistic Note

The keynote of fashion will be simplicity, optimism, and charm. You may permit yourself a few out-of-the-way details, however.

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Those who cannot afford lavish furs may use the rabbit for almost any occasion, without the difference being really noted.

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8.03 New Light Symphony Orchestra.—Zampa—Overture, Spanish Dance, No. 1, "The Dubarry"—Selection.

8.25 Hawaiian Selections.—All My Life, Sundown In Old Waikiki, George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Kohala March, Honolulu March, Frank Ferera and John K. Paaluhl (Hawaiian Guitars); Hawaiian Happiness—Medley, Len Ellis and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

8.45 B.B.C. Recording—"The Fol-De-Rols"—Written and produced by Wolseley Charles.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Schumann—Trio In D Minor, Op. 63—Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

10.17 Piano Solos by Alfred Cortot.—Papillons, Op. 2, Etude En Forme De Valse, Etude in F Minor.

10.30 Haydn—Symphony No. 86 in D Major.—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11.00 Close Down.

FIVE ARMED MEN ROB FILM STAR

NEW YORK.

FILM stars Constance Bennett and Anita Louise were being driven along Chicago's Loop—the city's main central road—early to-day, when five armed masked bandits forced their chauffeur to stop.

Miss Bennett and Miss Louise were going home after attending a charity performance. They were escorted by Richard Ainley, son of actor Henry Ainley.

The bandits jumped on to the running board of their car, rough-handled them and stole jewellery worth more than £5,000.

Bracelets and rings were torn from the actresses, and the bandits were struggling to take off Miss Bennett's expensive mink coat when they became frightened by the sound of a

police-car siren, and made off in their own car.

Miss Bennett said at the police station: "This is a fine thing to happen. First we go to a charity performance, and then we get robbed."

Richard Ainley, who lost nothing, said: "The robbers told me 'Sit quiet, and I did.'"

Miss Bennett lost a diamond bracelet worth more than £5,000 and a cheap imitation ring.

Miss Louise lost a diamond bracelet, a diamond ring and sapphire ring.

The bandits missed diamond earrings, some jewels hidden by Miss Bennett's gardenia corsage, and £20 which Richard Ainley had in his

His Windows Dropped Out

But even in the country he sometimes hears the echo of bombs dropping on a town close by.

The windows of his own house have dropped out through vibration, and one day the house rocked.

But he says Finland is his home and inspiration, and refuses to quit.

Sibelius is a typical Finn in looks—a rugged, peasant figure, with head and square chin shaped very like Winston Churchill's.

He is now working on a new composition that is nearing completion. It will be first played in Finland, he says.

Another world-famous Finn artist who goes on working

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"Inspiration"

HITLER is waiting for "in-

spiration." That accounts for the

lull on the Western Front. So says a

Nazi of some standing. The story goes

that the German military authorities are

uncertain how to tackle the problem

that lies before them, and even the

reputed military genius of the Fuhrer

is at a loss.

The use of the word "inspiration"

may be explained in various

ways. There is the inspiration

of genius which Hitler may have

or may not have. He has yet to

prove that he is naturally a

super-soldier. But there are

many people who by "inspiration"

mean quite another thing.

Some time ago a British

journalist who has had many

opportunities of studying the

Fuhrer said that he is un-

doubtedly psychic; that he is

controlled by some power out-

side of himself; and that when

he is confronted by a difficult

problem he waits for the in-

fluence and guidance of that

power.

This opinion seems to find sup-

port, in some measure, from

passages in that enlightening

book, "Germany's Revolution

of Destruction," by Hermann

Rauschning, a former Nazi of

official standing. He says that

"the gift Hitler unquestionably

possesses of waiting for the

right moment, a gift which has

been misinterpreted as irresolu-

tion and passivity, is only the

expression of his inability to

come to a decision until an inner

voice speaks to him on his

problems, and he has the sense

that the right moment has arrived."

The author also refers to the

romantic trait in Hitler's

problematic nature, with the cry,

"Don't upset my intuition," and

his frequent refusal to listen to

criticism. Evidently, however,

this "inner voice" is not always

to be trusted, for Herr Rausch-

ning confidently forecasts the

sure and complete destruction of

the Nazi regime.

These are interesting theories,

but it would be in the highest de-

gree dangerous to allow them to

put us off our guard and to

breed undue optimism. Whatever

be Hitler's temperament, behind

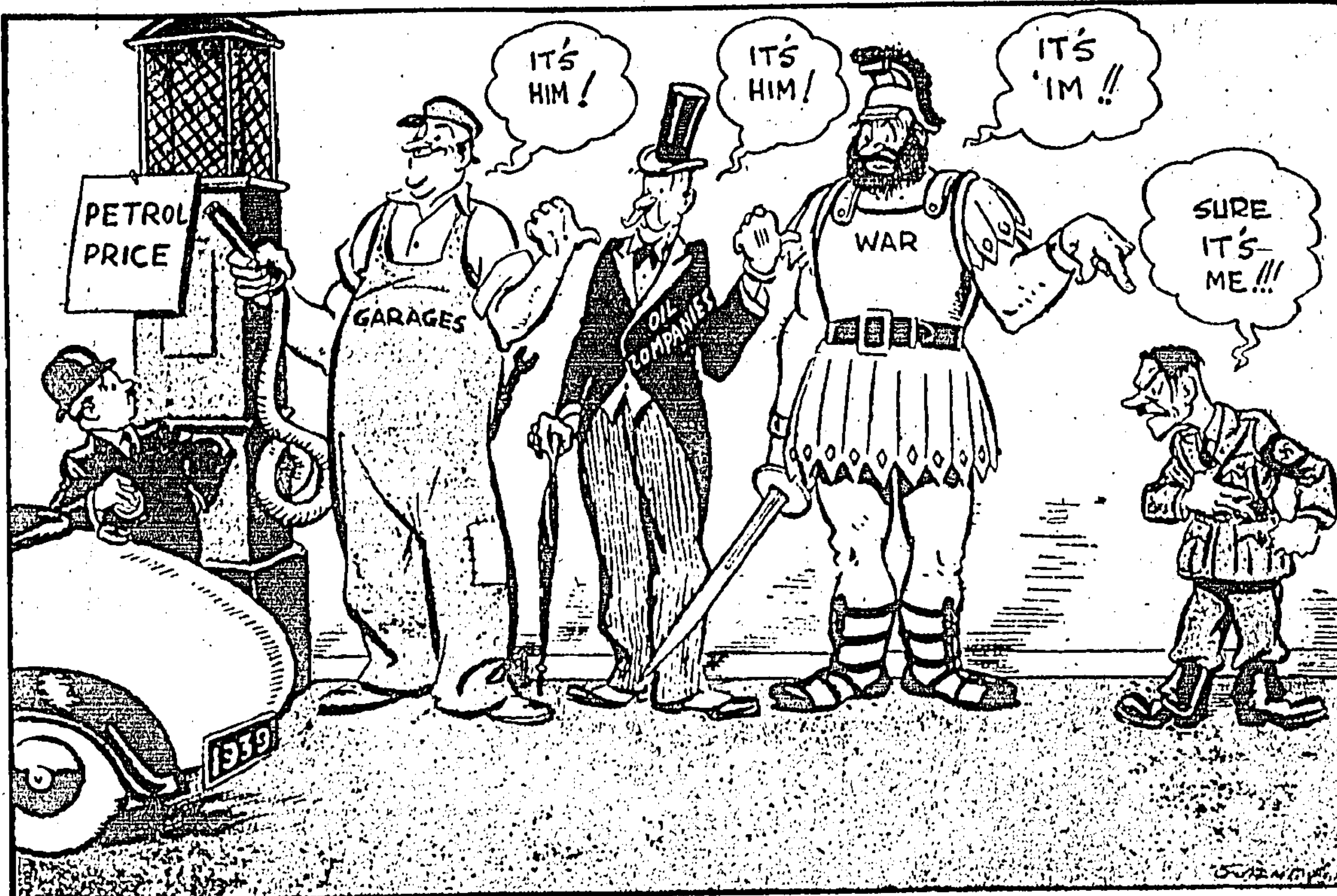
everything is the might of Ger-

man armaments and the deter-

mination to use them to the

utmost when the day for

action comes.



—Armstrong in Melbourne "Argus"

This Is How
Hitler Brings Up
The ChildrenBALDUR VON SCHIRACH banged
his fist on the desk. "You say that
the children of Germany cannot be
regimented? I say that they can and will
be! Every boy and every girl in this
nation will be made a National Socialist!"This article was published in
Reader's Digest, an import-
ant American publication,
under the heading "Thou-
sand-Year Reich."He was almost shouting: his
black eyes flashed.

"Der Fuehrer has told us that

the Third Reich will stand for a

thousand years. That to our

youth belongs the future, and

youth belongs to us. There will

be no escape possible from the

channel which we shall mark for

the German to follow from child-

hood to manhood. And we shall

produce not humanitarians and

your other weak-kneed types,

but good soldiers, strong men,

and loyal National Socialists.

Give me a child of six to educate,

and he will belong to me for

life."

That was in 1933 at the Brown

House in Munich.

Baldur von Schirach has kept

his word.

Backed by Adolf Hitler, who

adores and implicitly trusts him,

the Reich Youth Leader is

forcing 7,000,000 children

through a unique and appalling

system of education.

At the age of six, a German

child enters primary school

and meets the Herr Lehrer.

Not simply a school-teacher is the

Herr Lehrer, but an institution,

a symbol of the authority of the State.

A young, athletic brown-shirt, picked

for his loyalty to the party, has taken

the place of the old-style bespectacled

pedagogue.

Every morning the Herr Lehrer

raises his arm. "Heil Hitler," he

shouts. "Heil Hitler," deep the little

voices. "What is our first duty as

Germans?" he intones. "To love and

obey the Fuehrer," the class chants.

Another salute, and the six-year-olds

do not write, "The end is black" in

their exercise books, but "Adolf

Hitler is my Leader."

The primer is "Mein Kampf,"

boiled down to "Germany is the

greatest country in the world. "All

Jews are evil," and the like.

Object lessons are invented by the

teacher. One example was recently

commended by the Ministry of

Education. A little girl was caught

lying. She had to write fifty times on

the blackboard: "I am not pure Aryan

and am therefore given to lying."

At the age of ten, with secondary

school, begins the really serious cur-

riculum. The teachers must be

"politically reliable" and sponsored

by their local party chieftains. They

must have military and labour corps

training, and must show a good record

in swimming and track sports.

They must be graduates of the

High School of Teacher Training,

where the primary purpose is to

create a "solidly" teacher.

I was in a history classroom when

a boy of fourteen disputed the text-

book description of the Battle of

Jutland. His father had been in the

battle and had told him about it. The

boy received a whipping. And some-

thing infinitely worse—as the teacher

told me later—"We have marked it

down in his party record."

THE party record of a Ger-

man child, his passport to

wealth or poverty, success or failure,

begins at the age of ten.

If a "pure Aryan," he then enters

the Deutsches Jungvolk, junior

section of the Hitler Jugend. From

then on, he is under the constant sur-

veillance of the party.

On his "National Socialistic en-

thusiasm," his obedience to the

Fuhrer, his qualities of leadership,

and his athletic ability in the Jung-

volk—and, after fourteen, in the

Jugend—depend his hopes of a com-

fortable life as a party member.

Evenings, at the local clubhouse of

the Hitler Jugend, the boys sit in

front of a large picture of Hitler so

that "no boy may ever forget that

the Fuehrer is watching him." The

local leader and visiting party

potentates make propaganda speeches;

various boys also speak. The grim

earnestness of these affairs never

relaxes for a moment.

Saturday is devoted to military

drill, from the manual of arms

through every detail of military life.

I have seen the boys drill for an hour

at a time in the broiling sun without

rest. Every boy of fifteen must be

able to march thirteen miles a day

with an eleven-pound pack. If he

falls out of line his weakness goes

into his party record. There is not

much chance for a fragile boy to last.

But unless he does his future is

pretty bleak.

SONS of powerful party mem-

bers and boys of "outstand-

ing National Socialistic worth" may

apply at the age of twelve for ad-

mission to the elite Adolf Hitler

boarding-schools, which prepare for

the National Socialist Order of

Leaders.

In the Adolf Hitler schools the boys

are under iron discipline every hour

of the day. Every movement must

be strictly military. No newspapers

or literature, except those National

Socialist works prescribed by the

party, are allowed.

Beds are of straw, and there is just

enough coarse food for good health.

Academic learning is subordinated to

the study of party doctrine.

For a boy not of this pre-selected

elite the turning-point of life comes at

eighteen. At that time the party

dec

'Scottish' Whiskey Was Distilled in Hongkong

Last year several Europeans were cleverly hood-winked by bogus salesmen who went about selling whiskey and brandy purported to be from reputable firms and of the highest quality. In reality, the wines were nothing more than some form of adulterated spirits.

Covering the same subject, three cases of importance to the Hongkong community were heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Mr. R. Edwards.

In the first case, Poon Kwan-hang and Chio Yuk-ean were charged with possession of dutiable spirit, possession of duty paid labels and retailing whiskey and brandy without a licence. The whiskey concerned was purported to be White Horse and the brandy to be Hennessy's 3 Stars.

Defendants were alleged to have approached Mrs. M. Sullivan of 27 Robinson Road and Mrs. J. Pennell, wife of Sgt. Pennell of the Hongkong Police Force, to try and dispose of the bottles of wine.

Defendants were each sentenced to nine months' hard labour each. In another case, Ng Kai was charged with (a) possession of dutiable spirit supposed to be of the White Horse brand, (b) possession of duty paid labels and (c) possession of duty paid labels which had been taken from bottles of duty paid spirit.

Ng was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. The third case involved Tsang Cheung who was charged with (a) possession of dutiable spirits, (b) possession of duty paid labels and (c) retailing without a licence. He was given nine months' hard labour. Prosecuting Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit told Mr. Edwards that the Imports and Exports Department took a very serious view of these cases owing to the loss of duty involved and the irreparable loss to the proprietors of White Horse Whiskey and Hennessy Brandy, through people like defendants offering for sale adulterated spirit in bottles labelled White Horse and Hennessy Brandy.

The Magistrate agreed with Mr. Grimmit that it was a very serious offence.

PEACE OR WAR?

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mands for complete cession of the Pechino area, permitting Finland to retain its common frontier with Norway and its Arctic port.

5.—Revision of territorial demands on the eastern frontier. In return for Finnish territorial concessions north of Lake Ladoga, Russia will cede portion of Soviet Karelia to Finland. Savolaxia will remain in Finnish hands.

6.—The puppet Government which was set up in December will be disbanded.

7.—Finland's future independence and integrity to be guaranteed.

Strict Censorship

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Reports in diplomatic circles suggest that the terms of settlement are likely to differ somewhat from those originally reported.

A very strict censorship is now being imposed in Finland and no word of the rumoured peace conditions has been allowed to leak out.

Swedish Denial

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A denial that Sweden has given any advice to Finland has been given by Reuters by M. Guenther, the Swedish Foreign Minister.

He said, "We have not had the slightest contact with Germany from the beginning to the end of negotiations. We have done nothing to advise the Finnish Government one way or another."

Asked whether there was a possibility of a Swedish guarantee for Finland if peace was concluded, M. Guenther said that the question had not yet been raised.

Referring to Anglo-Swedish relations, he said, "I hope they will remain as cordial as they have been and as they still are."

INDEPENDENCE OF CHINA

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in answer to a question by Mr. Arthur Henderson that it remained the policy of the Government that the independence of China should be preserved.

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BRITAIN'S DECISION

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answered Mr. Clement Attlee's question by saying that the House of Commons is aware that the British and French have sent, and are continuing to send, material assistance to Finland.

The Premier reiterated that the Allies are prepared to give further aid "with all the available resources at their disposal."

Not Asked To Mediate

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Replying to supplementary questions in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that it would be untrue to say that the British Government had been asked to mediate but there was an occasion on which M. Ivan Musky, the Soviet Ambassador to London, had mentioned certain terms which the Russian Government was prepared to offer to Finland.

The British Government, said the Prime Minister, did not feel able to pass these terms to Finland. Mr. Chamberlain told Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Labour Opposition Leader, that any aid sent to Finland would be "in accordance with our obligation under the League Covenant."

"As to co-operation with others," Mr. Chamberlain went on, "I have already mentioned that France is in association with ourselves. Of course I cannot say what other states might feel bound to do."

Mr. Kirkwood (Opposition Labour) said: "Is not this tantamount to our going to war with Russia?" Mr. Chamberlain: "It has not gone as far as that yet."

Asked if the Government was prepared to send troops to Finland and if so, were they prepared to violate the neutrality of Norway in doing so, Mr. Chamberlain said that he could not add anything to the statement he had made.

Allies' Assurances

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister announced that the British and French Governments have already informed the Finnish Government that they are prepared, in response to an appeal from the Finns for further aid, to proceed immediately and jointly to help Finland.

The British and French Governments will use all available resources at their disposal.

Interpretation

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent says that the interpretation to be placed on the Prime Minister's statement on Finland is that Anglo-French help will be forthcoming if it is asked for.

Keen French Interest

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain's announcement in the House of Commons with regard to further Anglo-French aid to Finland has aroused intense interest in France, where its importance is fully realised.

It is felt here that the Allies have given Finland a strong card to play in her negotiations with Russia, and the next move, which lies with Finland, is eagerly awaited.

It is stated in well-informed French circles in Paris that hitherto Finland has made no fresh appeal to the Allies.

French political circles believe that the present week, with Finland's decision and the end of Mr. Sumner Welles' mission, may well prove one of the most decisive since the war started.

REDS WANT VIBORG

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were killed at Kollanjoki, where fighting continues.

Bitter Radio Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Even while peace talks are going on, the Soviet radio is filling the air with abuse against the Finns. Its bitterest attacks have been against the Soviet's guest, Mr. Ryti, leader of the Finnish delegation.

Moscow newspapers give little mention to the talks. Instead they are filling their columns with celebrations of Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar's 50th birthday.

General Kita Transferred

Significant Move By Japanese In N. C.

PEIPING, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is now quite definite that Lieut. General Kita, the Japanese Army's political director in North China and the power behind the Peiping Government, will shortly leave North China for good, having been transferred to a military command in Japan.

His successor is Major-General Makioka.

Political Motive?

In view of the fact that Lieut. Kita was a warm personal supporter of Wang Kch-min and of the semi-independent status of North China, this move is considered significant. The North China group may now recede from the former intransigent attitude towards the formation of a central regime.

It is learned that the Central Political Conference at Nanking will open on March 20, having been postponed from March 12.

Wang Kch-min's government is now expected to be inaugurated on April 1.

Austria's Day Of Mourning

Second Anniversary Of Annexation

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Two years ago yesterday, Germany annexed Austria and the anniversary was marked here by the opening of "The Austria Office" which is to get in touch with underground movements in Austria and to help spread Allied propaganda.

A large number of Austrian emigres were present at the opening, and speeches were made by the former Social Democrat leader and the leader of the Austrian Monarchists.

Liberation Aim

Both said that they had only one aim—the liberation of Austria. The former Austrian Minister to London was also present.

He said that most of the people in Austria were opposed to the present state of affairs.

Hitler Talks Humbug

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Commenting on Hitler's speech, the "New York Times" says that it threw no new light on the situation.

"Hitler, the paper continues, offered if necessary to give his life for a German victory. This, says the paper, seems a moderate enough offer when one considers the thousands of other German lives he has already sacrificed to that end."

Hitler, the paper concludes, was talking "humbug" when he described the Allied aims as being the destruction of Germany.

RIBBENTROP AND ILL DUCE DISCUSS AXIS AGREEMENT

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evening after Herr von Ribbentrop's second talk with Mussolini, in which Herr von Ribbentrop, as well as Count Ciano were present, says that the talk, which was cordial, lasted an hour and a half.

The communiqué adds: "The talk was concerned with the international situation and was conducted in the spirit and framework of the pact of alliance and agreement existing between Italy and Germany."

Peace Plan For Welles

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The newspaper, "B.T." reports from Budapest that Herr von Ribbentrop, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano are working on a peace plan which will be handed to Mr. Sumner Welles when he calls at Rome en route to America.

The source of the report is described as Hungarian political circles in close contact with Count Ciano.

Loan Issue Keeps Exchange Quiet

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was mainly quiet owing to the imminence of tomorrow's war loan issue.

The prices of most groups tended to ease, but Indian Government bonds were exceptionally strong on good buying from eastern sources. Wall Street was steady.

YUGOSLAV COAL FOR ITALY

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Italy has ordered 200,000 tons of coal from Yugoslavia up to the end of May, according to a Rome despatch to a German news agency.

Sharp Fighting On Western Front

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué says that there were sharp local encounters to the south-east of Nied River.

There was artillery firing in the region of Vouges.

There was activity by the air forces.

Nazis Warn Neutrals

Indicate "Rights" For Sinking Ships

OSLO, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Germany has informed Norway that she considers her navy and air force entitled to attack neutral ships immediately if they are sailing in an enemy convoy. If they are without convoy, they are entitled to give military information or if they refuse to stop when summoned to do so.

Neutral vessels sailing together are advised to exercise strict caution especially where enemy warships are operating.

This information is conveyed in a written reply through the German Legation to a question from a representative of the Norwegian Ship-owners' Association.

Indian Mill Strike

Unsuccessful Govt. Intervention

BOMBAY, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Government has intervened in the Labour dispute without much success so far.

Since last Monday, 130,000 mill workers have been out on strike for wage increases owing to the higher cost of living.

When negotiations with employees broke down, the Bombay Government asked the strikers if they would grant a bonus if, as a result of the war, they got higher profits.

The mill owners had a meeting yesterday and later issued a statement saying that they could not increase their original offer.

QUEER TYPE OF NEUTRALITY

French Criticism Of Swedish Attitude

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A statement made by the Swedish radio has evoked a pointed comment in French diplomatic quarters, where it is stated that Germany has made clear to Scandinavian countries that it would be considered a breach of neutrality if aid for Finland from a Third Power was allowed to pass through their territory.

It was when this German conception was adopted by Sweden that she invited Finland to abandon the struggle.

She considers, even without recalling the provisions of the League Covenant, that it is difficult to understand how the principles of neutrality, as generally understood, can be invoked to justify Sweden's present attitude.

N.Z. Government Act Quickly

WELLINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Government has taken over the control of Auckland Harbour and at the same time has taken the power to adopt the same course elsewhere if necessary.

The cause of this action was a trade dispute between the Harbour Board and the harbour workers over a new wage grant.

The Government has asked the men to work at present on the old rate pending the completion of a new agreement for the development of a new co-operative system.

Dutch Ship Mined: Crew Rescued

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Dutch cargo steamer, Amor, 2,325 tons, was mined and sunk near the Westhinder Lightship.

The crew of 30 were rescued by the Irish steamer, City of Bremen, and landed at Flushing.

The Amor was en route to Holland from the West Indies.

More British Navy Casualties

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Admiralty has issued a list of casualties arising "from various hazards of the sea" and not related to any particular ship or action.

They include 12 officers killed, one dead of wounds, two died, three wounded; 30 ratings killed, five died of wounds, seven missing, believed killed, and 14 wounded.

Political Storm In Toronto

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is reported from Toronto that Mr. Harry Nixon, Provincial Secretary for the Ontario Government, and Premier Hepburn's right-hand man, has resigned from the Cabinet as a protest against Premier Hepburn's recent actions in criticising the conduct of Canada's war effort.

Nazi Seamen In San Domingo

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Forty-seven seamen from the steamer Hanover have arrived in San Domingo according to a radio from New York.

The Captain stated that 55 of the crew were probably captured by a British warship.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1890.
We are informed by a gentleman from the Peak district that about 8.45 a.m. a storm of hail suddenly broke over the Tramway station, lasting about 3 minutes. The stones were phenomenally large, averaging about an inch across, by three-eighths thick. It was a sight, our informant assured us, that he would not have believed if he had not witnessed it.

The Artillery Volunteers are being invited by the military authorities to co-operate in a big-gun display in honour of the Duke of Cornwall. But they are not "freezing" on to the idea. We understand that the Fleet will go through a series of evolutions when the visitors arrive. The "Fame" will be on hand to tow any "cripple" into harbour after the display.

25 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1915.
The Hon. Neil Palmer announced in the House of Commons that, in deference to the express desire of His Holiness the Pope, Germany has agreed to a mutual exchange of invalid civilians.

In Belgium there has been a most violent bombardment of Neuport by 42 centimetre guns. The British Army, supported by our heavy artillery, between the Lys and La Bassée Canal, gained a most important success. They captured the village of Neuve Chapelle, east of the La Bassée Estairs road, and also advanced north-east of that village in the direction of Aubers, and south-east in the direction of Biez Wood. They took a thousand prisoners, including several officers, also mitrailleuses. The German losses were very heavy.

The outlook is black indeed for the Germans. The supreme point is that Germany cannot conduct a long war—she cannot "last." And she cannot save herself from defeat merely holding on where she is. There are thus two alternatives open to her—either she must shortly stake everything on a final supreme effort (of which she seems incapable) or she must collapse from sheer exhaustion. And if the Allies are able to inflict serious disasters in the field—as we believe they soon will be able—that collapse will be very materially hastened. For the Allies the advent of Spring is awaited with strong confidence; for Germany it may well be dreaded as the hour of her bitterest humiliation.

10 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1930.
A vote for \$12,700 in regard to the provision of a Children's Playground in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, is to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

Emphasis was placed on the advisability of the amalgamation of the Hongkong Electric Co. and the China Light and Power Co., at the annual meeting this morning, when the Chairman (Mr. Gordon Mackie) and Mr. G. H. Potts expressed their conviction that such an amalgamation would be to the benefit of both shareholders and consumers. They regretted that up to the present it had been found impossible to work on a basis agreeable to both parties. Mr. Potts describing it as a "terrible calamity"—that an amalgamation had not been effected.

A grim drama was enacted in Kennedy Town in the early hours of this morning when fire swept through No. 12, Smithfield, a four-story building, demolishing the staircase and trapping a family of five at the top. As the blaze grew in intensity, the terror-stricken family was forced to take refuge in the kitchen at the back of the premises, and finally, before the arrival of the Brigade, to jump for their lives.

5 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1935.
Prospects of Hongkong soon being able to communicate by radio-telephone with the outside world were referred to by the Hon. Mr. Gordon Mackie when addressing shareholders of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., at its annual meeting to-day.

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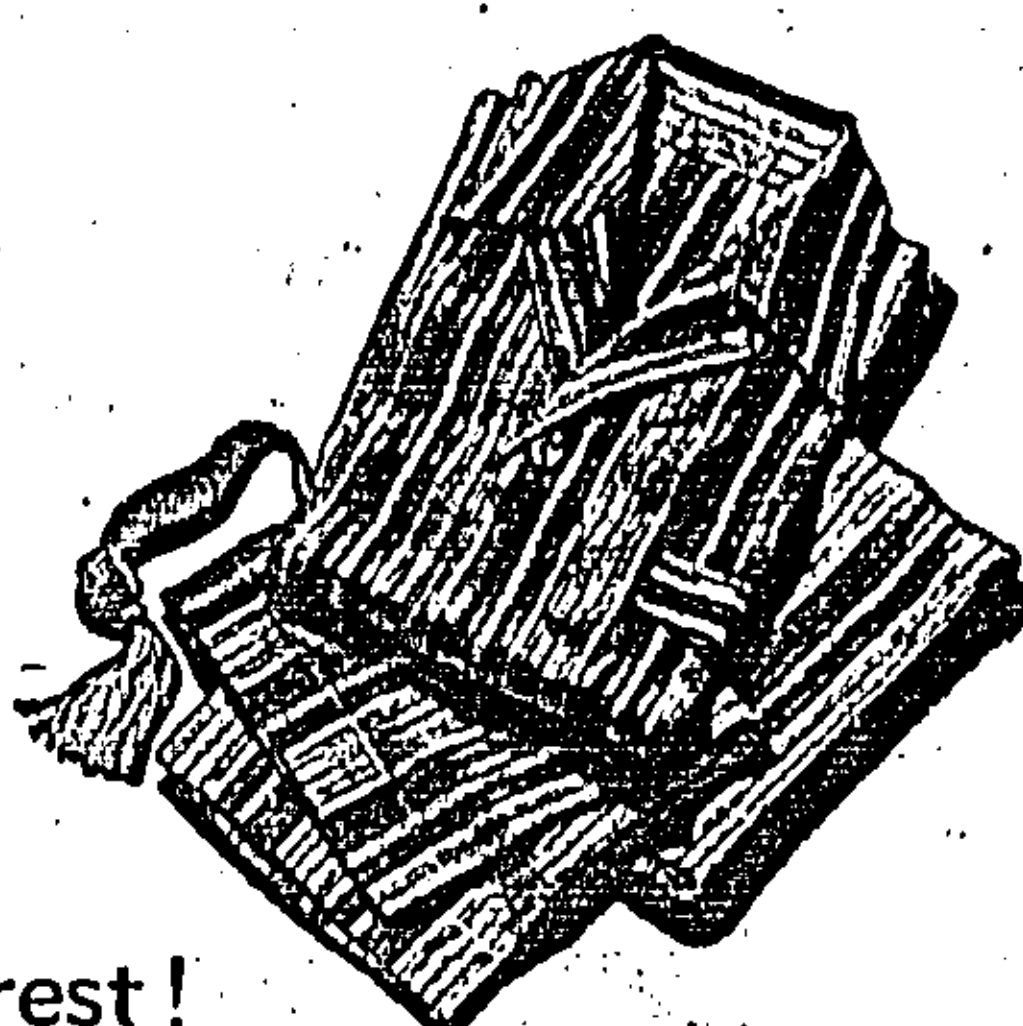
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INTEREST HAS APPARENTLY WANED

Slight Enthusiasm At Sookunpoo:

Hongkong C.C. Trounce Craigengower C.C.

THE fact that the K.C.C. were already sure of the Shield seems to have taken a lot of interest out of their game with the I.R.C. at Sookunpoo though it should not have done as a good stout game between two evenly matched sides should be enough for anyone. As it was I am told that there was a lot of slovenly fielding and several catches were put down.

K.C.C. batted first and opened with F. J. Lay and D. Hung. The latter did not stay long but Lay put together 27 before he grew impatient and lifted one from Minu to A. M. Rumjahn in the country.

Then came a long stand between E. F. Fincher and T. A. Madar and Minu found himself in a difficulty as his two change bowlers were crooked so far as bowling went. A. M. Rumjahn having a damaged finger and Arcull a strained knee. He tried Kitchell, Nazrin, Bakar and M. P. Madar when he and A. H. Madar had gone off; and Baker (3 for 33) was easily the most successful. T. A. Madar got 53 but he was dropped more than once. Anderson made 38 and Robbie Lee 20. Teddie Fincher put himself down last and declared with the score at 189 for 9 wickets.

A FAIR DRAW

IT has been suggested that the I.R.C. nearly won the match but when I discussed the point with a member of the Indians' side he said quite definitely that he never thought they had a chance for it as at the close they still wanted thirty runs with four wickets to go. Kowloon were rather up against it as Lloyd was not playing and Robbie Lee had an off day. A. H. Rumjahn made 47. Kitchell 33, Y. el Arcull 23, M. P. Madar 22 not out and S. A. Ismail 24 not out. Anderson bowled five overs for five runs and one wicket and perhaps might have been used a little more.

The Club Win

THE H.K.C.C. were at home to Craigengower and turned out a pretty strong side with three C.C.C. men and two from the Army. Holmes, a slow left-hand bowler who flirts the ball a bit, did very well at the start and Hulse (28), A. K. Ismail (19) and Billmorria 17 not out alone did anything. McLellan going on late had three for six in three overs and John Pearce took two for seven.

When the Club came to bat Gross showed once more that he has come back to form and hit up 59. It is very fortunate as the Foresters' batting wants stiffening for the Easter Match against the Club. Richardson, as he was not playing for the C.S. promptly hit 42 in partnership of 65 for the first wicket—and Perry—same idem—had 25 runs. The Club won easily.

Second Division

THERE was no other Senior Cricket but in the second division various things happened. The R.A.F., very keen side, crushed C.C.C. second eleven's hopes by putting them out for eighty seven and then making 123. They rely very largely on Nancarrow who made 42 and took three wickets for 17 runs. Gillespie's figures of 11-5-24-5 were excellent. Cook helped with 28 putting on 56 runs with Nancarrow.

MacLeod's Century

THE Civil Service had some difficulty in raising a team and the Army second were very rough with a weak bowling side. MacLeod had a not out century but the score of 206 was quite unnecessary and they failed to get the C.S. out, thanks largely to Stone, Crawley and MacGowan.

Shield

NEITHER of the probable Shield winners was engaged, while K.C.C. second concluded a surprisingly disappointing season by getting beaten by the Police who have a surprising knack of coming out strong on occasions. Pope got 49 and Loughlin 20 while S. A. Gray was unfortunately run out when he was one short of his half century, for Kowloon.

ROUND WORLD CYCLIST IN HONGKONG

He Found The World Still Uncivilised

A CYCLIST who has just completed a tour around the world and says, unlike others, he met with no adventure, has arrived in the Colony. He is Mr. Ram Nath Bhaswa, a Hindu, and he is on his way back to Singapore, from where he started on his tour on a push-bike in July, 1931.

Mr. Bhaswa covered practically every country in his travels, and said that the only experience he gained was that he found the world still uncivilised.

Badminton Match Postponed

Owing to the indisposition of K. L. Yong, the men's doubles badminton championship match between Yong and H. F. Chew and H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, scheduled for to-night, has been postponed until Friday. The match will be played at Taikoo at 9 p.m.

Rugby Football

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Holders Fortunate To Beat Small Units: Bank Wins Easily

(By "Fly-half")

A LARGE CROWD, a record for Monday night sevens, witnessed interesting games on the Club ground yesterday when the first matches in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament were played. A sum of roughly, \$60 was taken, and Wednesday will probably bring out a larger crowd as the strong Club and R. E. Sevens will be on view.

The results were:

Police "A"	8	Combd. Small Units	0
5th A.A.	6	Royal Scots "B"	0
Civil Service	6	Club "B"	0
Police "B"	6	Taikoo	0
H.K. Bank	10	Tamar and S/Ships "B"	0

Police "A" did not impress in their game with Small Units, and have to thank Taylor for his penalty kick which gave them victory. Although getting the ball in the scrums and lineouts, the Police backs did little with it. Fay and Wilson were too easily suppressed or forced to kick to touch. Wall was an active scrum-half. Cullinan and Innes did well in the forward play.

Combes was nippy for the Small Units, and gave MacDonald opportunities to show his speed. Crawford was in foraging forward, with Morgan doing well at the base of the scrums.

5th A.A. 6 R. Scots "B" 0

The 5th A.A. came away with a rush near the end to score two tries by Banner and Giblin. This seven, which are expected to do well, was not at their best.

The spirited play of the Scots, for whom Riddell, Patterson and Fairley were prominent, kept the 5th A.A. out, and, indeed, might have scored if they had passed more instead of each man going out until he was brought down in possession.

An injury to Cody's head was attended to on the field, and he was able to carry on.

Civil Service 6 Club "B" 0

The Civil Service brought Geo. Fowler and C. G. Tressider in place of Hynes and Burford

F. A. To Hold Wartime Cup Competition

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The English Football League Management Committee have decided to hold a wartime Cup competition to begin with a preliminary round of matches on April 12. Thereafter, the first two rounds will be played on a home and away basis, the scorers of the most goals being the winners. The tournament will then resolve itself into a knock-out competition.

The first round will be played on April 20 and 27; the second on May 4 and 11; the third on May 18; the fourth on May 25; the semi-finals on June 1 and the final on June 8.

The draw for the preliminary round is as follows:

South "A"—Southend v. Queen's P. R.; Brighton v. Clapton O.; Northampton v. Watford; Mansfield v. Notts C.

South "B"—Bristol R. v. Aldershot; Cardiff v. Reading; Bournemouth v. Bristol C.; Port Vale v. Walsall; Swindon v. Torquay.

North "A"—Southport v. Oldham; New Brighton v. Gravelly; Rochdale v. Accrington; Barrow v. Carlisle; Wrexham v. Stockport.

North "B"—York v. Bradford C.; Hartlepool v. Hull; Darlington v. Gateshead; Hull v. Lincoln; Doncaster v. Rotherham.

Third Round Draw For Scottish Cup

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The third round of the Scottish Cup will be played on March 23, and the draw is as follows:

Airdrie v. Hearts; Morton v. Motherwell; Clyde St. Mirren v. Falkirk; Glasgow Rangers; Dundee U. v. Kilmarnock.

Tournament Tennis

O. UMETANI DEFEATS HUSSAIN 9-7, 6-2,

Neat Display Of Stroke Precision

(By "Tinker")

O. UMETANI, the only Japanese entrant in the Colony Open tennis tournament, entered the second round of the singles yesterday when he beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2. Much interest was evinced in the match, and the Japanese, who is a ranking hard courts player in Japan, was not disappointing.

The ground was extremely slippery, and neither player was at full tase in his endeavours for angled cross-court shots. Umetani, of much lighter build than his Indian opponent, had an advantage in his light agility. His greatest advantage, however, was in his stroke-production.

His neat and precise forehand and backhand shots gained much admiration, and despite the score of the first set it is not wrong to state that he was a far better player than Hussain. The latter, however, has shown an enormous improvement in play, and in the first set was leading 5-0. The Japanese opened out with flashing cross-court shots, and excellent passing drives down the side-lines, and fought his way to level terms. His early lapse was probably due to nervousness.

Umetani, if anything in the opening set was inclined to be indecisive, and dropped his shots mid-court nearly every time. Hussain varied his length and pace with very fine control, and on more than one occasion had his opponent running from one side of the court to the other. At this stage, too, he was

particularly successful with short drop shots.

PLEASING ACCURACY

BOTH were showing a pleasing accuracy, and one of the most noticeable features of the game was the number of points won by outright winners, rather than on mistakes. On a dry firm court, Umetani should be a player well worth watching. Even on yesterday's ground, while sliding around, his stroke execution was crisp and firm, and there was never anything indecisive about his volleying. In the second set, he took firm command, and never let up.

Yesterday's scores were:

OPEN SINGLES

O. Umetani beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2.
Marsland Ma beat A. R. Kitchell 11-9, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

J. S. Theobald beat V. R. Gordon 11-9, 3-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell beat C. C. Stark and C. M. Stark 6-4, 6-1.
A. Lade and G. W. Sewell beat M. Pugh and E. Zuluaga 6-0, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES

L. M. Lloyd beat H. D. Bidwell 6-0, 6-7.

To-day's Matches

Matches for to-day are:

OPEN SINGLES

J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U.

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould.
J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and Blek Szeto.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

D. M. MacDougall v. P. W. Blyth.
G. W. Sewell v. A. T. Dow.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert v. J. R. M. Smith and D. J. S. Crozier.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley v. H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews.

Golf

ADAMSON CUP COMPETITION

First Round Matches

The following is the draw for the first round of the Adamson Cup Competition:

(Bye, S. T. Butlin (12); G. E. Willeston (12); E. Ebbage (10); T. J. Price (9); F. Buckle (12); A. J. MacFayden (10); V. C. W. Keene (12); B. Humphreys (7); H. Smith (9); G. Davies (10); V. J. Forbes (10); D. S. Edwards (5); E. Tuck (14); G. W. C. Gwynne (7).)

The first round is to be played on or before March 24; the second round, April 7; semi-final, April 21; and final, April 28. Players are asked not to leave matches till the last available date. The first in each bracket is the challenger, and the winner should enter the result.

T. J. Price qualified for the competition with a score of 77-9-68.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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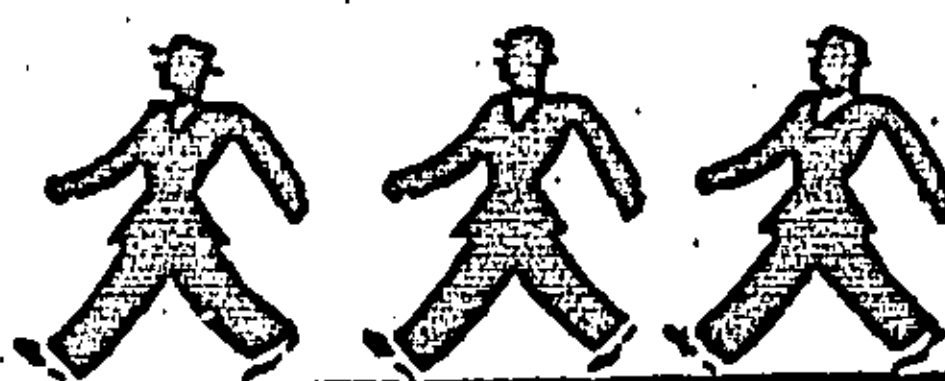
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This Is What Happened To Unity Mitford

HER MEMORY GONE: BRAIN INJURY

WITH two bullet wounds in her head, and a brain injury caused by one of the bullets, Miss Unity Mitford lay seriously ill last night in a private ward at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, says the Paris Sour in an exclusive article last month.

Detectives are watching over her night and day. Only nurses and doctors see her. It is said that her memory has gone.

Her condition is so low that an operation which is urgently necessary cannot be attempted until some strength has been restored to her.

Foremost among the doctors watching over her is one of the world's most brilliant young brain specialists, forty-three-year-old Professor Hugh W. B. Cairns.

It was he who in 1932 led a team of five doctors in an all-day operation to remove a tumour from patient's brain, an operation described as one of the most astonishing in medical history.

It was he, too, who raced 100 miles by car to try to save Lawrence of Arabia after his fatal motor-cycle mishap.

Doctors Amazed

He stands by now to make the only effort possible to save Miss Mitford from permanent brain injury and perhaps from death.

She is in such a condition that the doctors are amazed that she could have made her recent journey from Germany.

When she was transferred from the High Wycombe home of her father, Lord Redesdale, to the infirmary, the greatest secrecy was observed. No one except nurses specially allotted to her knew who she was.

Julius Sauerwein, the famous Foreign Editor of Paris Soir, now in London, wrote for the Sunday Express the following authentic account of what happened to Miss Mitford in Germany. It is the first full story told since she returned to England.

Tormented

"Miss Unity Mitford has almost entirely lost her memory. Sitting up in her bed, she rambles in her speech when her friends visit her. One gets glimpses of her tormented and ardent life from her incoherent remarks.

"Occasionally passages of one of Hitler's speeches, which she has heard so often and pondered over so much that traces of her mind, are quoted by her mechanically. At other times she becomes irritated and declares: 'You know, I am not on your side.'

"She does not put any defiance in these words. It is more of a warning—as if she were trying to tell her parents and the friends surrounding her with loving care: 'Take care. You do not know what I really am.'

"During the fatal days just before the war Unity would leave her small Munich flat and roam aimlessly in the streets. And once or twice a day she would go to the British Consulate to ask for advice. Always it was the same as she well knew: 'Leave immediately.'

"The day the consul left himself she was completely abandoned. Hitler was not there, and had other worries. She knew through his friends that he was preparing the rape of Poland convinced that England would not intervene.

"And for the credulous, blindly trusting girl Hitler could not be wrong. If he said there would be no war there would be no war.

Gestapo Warn

"War came. The consul left. Unity was lost between two worlds. Germany, once more menacing the civilised world, where she could not remain without almost certainly being treated as a spy and enemy. On the other hand, in England she might be accused of complicity with the Nazis.

"It was impossible for her to decide which course to take. The Gestapo warned her tactfully but clearly that she must make up her mind either to go immediately or to stay for the whole war and renounce England for ever.

"How she must have thought. If only I had been there to advise her or make one of those speeches usually lasting an hour of which Unity used to say, 'He speaks to me as if I were a public meeting.'

"I remember one evening in the tube in London as we were going to a Fascist meeting in the East End. Unity showed me on her leather belt an engraved date and the name of Adolf Hitler. She had the look on her face of a nun exhibiting a relic.

"Another time at Vienna Hitler had just made a solemn entrance in the Ring greeted by the vociferous shoutings of his partisans. Unity was in the hall of the Grand Hotel opposite the Imperial Hotel where Hitler had just made a speech. 'Poor dear,' she said, tenderly, 'I must go and comfort him, he must be worn out.'

"Forcing her way through the crowd she crossed to his hotel, to return only two hours later, having waited all that time to exchange two words with her hero.

"A few months later, in Prague, I saw her exhibiting her swastika, and told her she was asking for trouble. 'That's what I want,' she said. 'If it worries you, don't come with me.' I didn't.

"Three days later the inevitable happened. She was arrested and searched. But she had suffered for her god and gloried in martyrdom. Bitter

"When I met her later at the

"Traitor Of Stuttgart"

THE French Jam Stuttgart radio station. Why? Because they hate to hear the voice of Paul Feronnet, Frenchman turned traitor. They want to kill his Nazi propaganda broadcasts in French.

Every night Feronnet, a former French Government employee, says that England is the common enemy of France and Germany.

The suggestion is laughable to French people. But they do not laugh at Paul Feronnet. He is always referred to as 'The Traitor of Stuttgart.'

That is because the French know that before the war he was in touch with the Nazis. Sacked from his Government post for misconduct, he developed an enthusiasm for the Nazi regime. He was always talking about Hitler. Then he left France.

His former wife, who lives near Paris, says that he used to practise speeches for hours in front of a mirror. Feronnet is a plausible speaker, and used to enjoy addressing public meetings. Once, when threatened after a meeting, he ran off.

His wife, who divorced him, also says, 'He was always an extremist.'

Paul Feronnet has relatives in Paris, but they have never listened to his broadcasts. When his old mother learned that he was broadcasting for the enemy she became ill and had to be cured for by nurses.

Soon after the war began the military authorities in Paris decided to indict Feronnet for high treason. He was condemned to death.

So he knows what awaits him if ever he tries to go home.

LATE NEWS

Britain Rejects Soviet Demarche

LONDON, March 11 (Dome).—It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador at London on February 22 approached the British Government with a proposal for British mediation in the Soviet-Finnish dispute. The Soviet demarche has been rejected on the grounds that the Soviet terms for peace were too harsh.

SOVIETS' FINAL OFFER

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—According to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Sofia" news agency, the Finnish delegation has left Moscow for Helsinki.

It is understood that the Soviet made a final offer which must be accepted or rejected within a given time.

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PEACE OR WAR?

FINNISH MISSION FLYING BACK TO HELSINGFORS WITH RUSSIAN TERMS Soviet Reported To Have Modified Demands

Nazis Proud Record!

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Hanover, the 5,600 ton ship which has scuttled herself, is the 34th German ship to meet this ignominious end. The scuttling of this ship is keeping intact Germany's proud record of having sunk more German ships than anyone else.

The Hanover was built about a year ago.

Double-Decker Buses Unlikely

Kowloon Scheme Still
Being Considered

The "Telegraph" understands that despite lengthy deliberations, the Government has not yet reached a decision regarding the request of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company for permission to introduce double-decker buses.

The Bus Company's request had the support of the Kowloon Residents' Association which, in a letter to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on May 2, last year, expressed the opinion that if the double-deckers were found in other respects to be practical, their use would greatly ease the congestion from the points of views of passengers and other road users.

Main Problem

For almost a year the matter has been under discussion between the Government Departments concerned—the P.W.D., the Police and the Colonial Secretary. The main problem is stated to be whether the type 2 vehicle which it is proposed to put on the Kowloon roads will not prove too much of a burden on the road; in other words, whether the roads have been built strong enough to endure the constant strain of such heavy weights.

The "Telegraph" understands that a decision will soon be taken and that in all probability the scheme will be turned down until such time as the roads have been strengthened.

More Buses Soon

Meanwhile, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company will shortly be in a position to place additional vehicles in service for school children. Rolling stock for new buses ordered some

NEXT 24 HOURS WILL DECIDE IF HOSTILITIES ARE TO CONTINUE

(Special to the "Telegraph")

PEACE OR WAR?

THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WILL DECIDE THIS MOMENTOUS QUESTION FOR FINLAND.

THE ENTIRE SCANDINAVIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT PEACE TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH FINLAND AND RUSSIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRAWN UP, AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED FROM HELSINGFORS.

A "UNITED PRESS" DESPATCH FROM COPENHAGEN QUOTES THE INFLUENTIAL "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" AS CONFIRMING THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

Strict Censorship

The Finnish authorities have clamped a strict censorship on all outgoing messages, however, and no information regarding the rumoured peace terms are being allowed to leak out of the country.

One of the last messages to come from Helsingfors was a dramatic exclusive interview by trans-Atlantic telephone between the New York Bureau of "United Press" and M. Tanner, the

Finnish Foreign Minister.

Tanner's Statement

M. Tanner informed "United Press" that the delegation in Moscow had not yet reached any agreement with the Russian negotiators.

All reports to the contrary, said M. Tanner, should be treated with the greatest reserve.

"Fighting continues on all fronts, and fighting will continue if our delegates do not obtain terms that are acceptable to Finland," he added.

BRITAIN'S OFFER

M. Tanner refused to comment on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement that Britain and France were prepared to give Finland all the aid within their power. "Finland must await word from Russia before she can consider the offer of the Allies," he said.

M. Tanner pointed out that the Moscow Mission was not empowered to accept Russia's terms.

"They are empowered to reject any Russian proposal.

"But if they consider that the Moscow offer merits acceptance, they must first return with the terms to Helsingfors, where they will be considered by Cabinet and Parliament.

DECISION TO-DAY?

"There may be a decision by to-day" (Tuesday). Meanwhile, newspapers throughout Scandinavia issue special editions in which the alleged Russian terms are banned.

Almost every newspaper in Sweden, Norway and Denmark reports that terms have been reached in Moscow which will end hostilities.

It is reported that the Finnish Prime Minister has already left Moscow by air for Helsingfors. He is flying via Stockholm.

The Scandinavian Press reports that one of the clauses in the agreement which the Finnish Parliament will be asked to ratify is that Finland's future independence should be guaranteed by the Scandinavian countries.

The Copenhagen "Ekstra Bladet" and the "Berlingske Aftenavis" both report that the Russian terms are as follows:

1.—Moderation of Russia's original demands for territory in

REDS IN VIBORG

Reds Claim City Has
Been Entered

MOSCOW, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—An official Red Army communique claims that the Soviet forces have completely surrounded Viborg.

The communique claims that the eastern and northern parts of the city are now in the possession of the Red Army.

The Red forces are now advancing along the eastern shore of the Bay of Viborg, the communique adds.

Intensify Efforts

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Helsingfors correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" states that the Russians now stand in a semi-circle round Viborg.

Their attacks, following each other, are undiminished in intensity.

It would seem that they are straining every effort to obtain possession of the town in time to effect discussions.

Hitherto no Russian soldier has succeeded in setting foot in the town, though they were at one time reported to be in one of the far suburbs.

Attacks Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—To-day's communique states that the Russians continued their attacks on the shore of Viborg Bay and at Vuoksen.

Many local attacks were repulsed and six tanks were destroyed.

British Ships Not At Potaamo

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (UP).—A "United Press" report from Potaamo PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

GERMANS RELEASED IN HONGKONG



THIS IS THE first photograph published in Hongkong of the nine Germans who were released from internment here as a result of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations over the Asama Maru affair. The photograph was taken after the Germans returned to Tokyo. It is stated that arrangements have been made for their return to Germany via the trans-Siberian Railway.—Domei.

RIBBENTROP AND IL DUCE DISCUSS AXIS AGREEMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano talked with von Ribbentrop for 85 minutes. An official communique said the talk covered the international situation.

It said: "the conversation was conducted in the spirit of the pact, alliance and other accords existing between the two countries."

Earlier, von Ribbentrop conferred with Count Ciano alone. The "United Press" correspondent who saw von Ribbentrop leaving the Papal audience at the Vatican this morning thought he looked definitely relieved.

Diplomatic circles in Berlin report that von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope might be the prelude to a new treaty between the Vatican and Germany.

Ribbentrop's Final Talks

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Ribbentrop will see Count Ciano this afternoon and afterwards he will be received by Mussolini. He is due to leave at 9.30 p.m.

Precedent Broken

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Contrary to custom, the Papal car which took Ribbentrop to the Vatican did not fly the visitor's national flag, the swastika.

Leaves For Berlin

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop left for Berlin to-day at 9.22 p.m. (GMT).

Effect Of Visit To Pope

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope does not mean that Germany has changed her attitude regarding the Catholic Church, stated a personality in Vatican City to a "Havas" agency correspondent.

This spokesman adds that it makes no difference to the Vatican protests concerning the German persecution of the Church, especially in Poland.

It is further stated that Herr von Ribbentrop visited the Pope to pay homage to the spiritual power of the Holy See, and the Pope took the opportunity to make the protests rendered necessary in the present circumstances.

Telephone Talks With Hitler

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop had a series of telephone talks with Hitler last night and again to-day, owing to the constant need for fresh instructions to keep pace with the rapidly developing situation.

85-Minute Talk

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—After a brief interview with Count Ciano, Herr von Ribbentrop saw Signor Mussolini at 5 p.m. Count Ciano was also present at this meeting, which lasted 85 minutes.

Cordial Parleys

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An official communique issued this PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

APPEALS REFUSED

Sequel To Philippine
Mail Bond Case

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—The Supreme Court of the United States has refused to review the appeal made by William Bruckner and William Gillespie against their conviction of using the mails to defraud in the Philippine Railway bond case.

The petition charged that the Federal Prosecutor prejudiced the case by "parading" movie stars and chorus girls to the stand for "irrelevant" testimony.

"Of what relevancy to the issue were the endless inquiries by the Prosecutor as to the physical conditions of the petitioners or the judgment obtained against them, or the endless inquiries into the quantity or quality or types of food and drink they consumed?" the petition inquired.

Buoncamino's Position

Insular Department circles paid close attention to the decision. Legal experts believed it probably pre-

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LATEST

RIBBENTROP BOOED IN ROME OPERA HOUSE

AN AMAZING incident occurred during a broadcast by Rome-Radio early this morning, according to a reader of the "Telegraph."

The person in question was listening to a broadcast of Wagner's "Lohengrin" from the Rome Opera House.

After the First Act a party of official guests were apparently introduced. Among them was Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister.

Faint clapping became audible and the orchestra struck up the Nazi and Italian Anthems.

The opera was unable to resume,

however, owing to the pandemonium created, apparently by the arrival of the German guest and the playing of the Nazi anthem.

Booing, hissing, and cat-calls were clearly audible in Hongkong and the noise became so great that the broadcasting station abandoned further attempts to continue the broadcast.

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OBITUARY

Former Editor Of The S. C. M. Post

The death occurred in London yesterday of Mr. Thomas Petrie, Editor of the S. C. M. Post from 1915 to 1924, in his 67th year.

Mr. Petrie was born and educated in Forfar, Scotland, where he served his apprenticeship as a journalist with the Forfar Herald. He first arrived in Hongkong in 1906. Mr. Petrie joined the staff of the China Mail. He then left the Colony for Bangkok and later went to Yokohama, where he met his first wife. Later he returned to the Colony and became a sub-editor on the S. C. M. Post.

Mr. Petrie was appointed Editor in 1915 when Mr. G. T. Lloyd left, and served in that capacity until 1924, when he went home after being appointed by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to assist in the organization of the Hongkong Section of the Wembley Exhibition.

The first Mrs. Petrie died in 1923 in Hongkong. Two years after Mr. Petrie's return to London he remarried, his wife being the widow of the late Mr. William Davidson, of Kowloon Dock.

Mr. Petrie was well-known in Hongkong and while here acted as correspondent for The Times, London. He was a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve and was a very able journalist.

In 1911 during the Chinese Revolution Mr. Petrie went to Canton with Mr. B. Wylie, now General Manager of the S. C. M. Post Ltd., and assisted in the escape of the Prince.

When in the Colony Mr. Petrie was a keen lawn bowler, being a very early member and officer of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and was among those instrumental in forming the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association.

After completing his work for the Wembley Exhibition, Mr. Petrie again took up journalism in London where he became Editor of the China Express and Telegraph, a weekly publication devoted to the Far East and which has now become the Far East Engineer.

Sir Harry Robert Boyd

London, Mar. 10.
The death has occurred of Sir Harry Robert Boyd, K.C.V.O., who was Ceremonial Secretary to the Home Office since 1925 and Registrar of the Baronage since 1932. He was aged 64 years.

Sir Harry Boyd engaged in business in Shanghai from 1899 to 1911 and received the China Medal in 1900. He was attached to the Ministry of Finance in Peking in 1914, when he received the Order of the Excellent Cross.

Returning to England, Sir Harry was appointed Assistant Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of State, served in various offices during the War, and was from 1919 to 1923 Assistant Private Secretary to successive Secretaries of State. He was Joint Secretary of the Silver Jubilee Committee and a member of the Coronation Executive Committee.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Lady Ada Wentworth-Fitzwilliam.

Athlete's Death

Tokyo, Mar. 11.
A Japanese army private, Teruaki Kawada, holder of the Japanese record for the 100 metres dash, who was regarded as a potential Olympic champion, was killed yesterday during army manoeuvres at the foot of Mount Fuji when he was hit on the head by a ricochet bullet.

FIRST-AID EXAMINATION

An examination in First Aid will be held in the World Room of the South China Morning Post, Limited, on Thursday at 6.30 p.m. for all those who attended the recent lectures given on Mondays and Thursdays by Dr. J. E. Dovey.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, March 15, 1940, at 6 p.m.

Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

Election of Officers and Committee.

And Other Business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

H. D. ROSENTHALL
Hon. Secretary.

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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1940.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 20th March, 1940, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on Friday, 15th March, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.

COMPANY REPORT

H.E.C. To Pay Final Dividend Of \$1.50

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., to be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. and O. Building, 4th floor, on March 21 at 11 a.m. the Directors will submit the following report:

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$2,944,480.35, after allowing for depreciation. Of this amount \$600,000 has been appropriated for the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$1 per share on September 7, 1939.

Your Directors recommend that the balance available for appropriation amounting to \$2,944,480.35 be disposed of as follows:—To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share on 600,000 shares, \$900,000; to pay a bonus of 75 cents per share on 600,000 shares, \$450,000; to place to reserve, \$400,000; to carry forward to next account, \$594,480.35.

During the year The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson resigned his seat as a Director on leaving the Colony and Mr. D. F. Landale was appointed in his place. Mr. Landale resigned on Mr. Paterson's return and Mr. Paterson was re-appointed. In accordance with Article 122 The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson retires and being eligible offers for re-election. The Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, n.o.c., also retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

In view of the expansion of the Company's business, it is thought that nomination of the Directors which is at \$10,000 and a resolution to increase this sum to \$18,000 will be placed before the meeting.

The Auditors, Messrs. Linstead & Davis retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

In 1840 Great-Grandmother Went West...



IN 1940 BABY COMES BACK BY AIR

9-MONTH-OLD FLIES OCEAN

ONE HUNDRED years ago, in 1840, a baby girl sailed with her parents from Dartmouth to find a new home in America.

The voyage across the Atlantic lasted three months.

Then the family travelled almost 2,500 miles across the American continent in a covered wagon.

That baby's great-granddaughter, nine-month-old Cecily Williams, arrived in England after having flown the Atlantic.

6,000 MILES

A fortnight ago Cecily was 6,000 miles away at Los Angeles, with her great-grandmother, who is now a centenarian.

From Los Angeles Cecily flew to New York, from there she flew in the American Clipper to Bermuda, and then to Lisbon.

She went from Lisbon to Paris by train, but she flew the last lap from Paris to England. Cecily is the first baby who has flown the Atlantic. Her father, Captain Fox Williams, of Portland-square, W., and her cousin, Miss Gita Nicholas, came with her.

That evening "Little Miss Muffet," as her father calls her, looked around her at a strange new country where there was no blazing Californian sunshine, and didn't like it—and cried.

But even pioneers get pretty tired after all these thousands of miles.

Pioneer.

"Miss Muffet is a real pioneer, like the rest of the family," her father said.

"She behaved splendidly on the journey."

"I had to have oxygen on the way over," Miss Nicholas said, "but not so Miss Muffet. She kept us all cheered."

Although the baby had a passport, she was considered small enough to travel free, and had no ticket. She is being looked after by Miss Nicholas and a nurse, and is going to live at Chelsea.

Her father, an engineer, is rejoining the British Army.

Tsar's Grandson Wants to Fight

PRINCE ALEXANDER YURIEV-SKY, grandson of Tsar Alexander II of Russia, wants to fight for Britain as an Army officer.

He said so at Stockton-on-Tees, when he applied for his discharge in bankruptcy.

Judge Gammon refused to grant discharge until the Prince had paid 10s. in the £ on liabilities of £621.

"I could not pay a penny in the £," the Prince said.

"I pointed out to the judge my desire to join the Army, and asked him if my bankruptcy would affect my chance of a commission. I was told that this would not be the case."

THEY WILL LEARN WAR BY POST

STOCKHOLM.
SWEDEN'S scheme to teach soldiers by post will keep about 50,000 reservists busy during the winter evenings.

The Army staff and the Co-operative Society correspondence school are co-operating in the plan.

Within twenty-four hours of its announcement more than 6,000 applications arrived, many from groups of workers.

The correspondence courses—voluntary—are for the older classes of reservists who want to brush up their knowledge of modern warfare theory before being called up next spring.

Thousands of Swedish volunteers are leaving for Northern Finland every day.

At a Stockholm factory one thousand workers have offered to work without pay on their Twelfth Night holiday to provide funds for Finland. Their example will be followed by workers all over the country.

A Loudspeaker War: Reds Warn Of Nazis

Helsingfors.

On the Karelian Isthmus, where the Finns have reported almost daily attacks, the Finnish Army said the Russian invaders sought to give effect to their drives by loudspeaker exhortations that the Finns surrender under the threat that the Germans were coming to help their foe.

"The enemy," the announcement said, "tried to give effect to his attacks by loudspeakers," mounted in his positions which "expelled our men to surrender, declaring that Viborg would be taken within 48 hours and threatening that Germans were coming to help him and would kill all Finns."

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR
in the uniform of a Major General, photographed as he left the sand-bagged entrance to Claridge's Hotel on a recent trip to England.

MISSING MAJOR MYSTERY A MISTAKE

FOR six days police throughout the country have searched for Major Vernon Moor-Lane (retd.), of the Indian Army.

He landed at Liverpool, and relatives sought police aid when he failed to appear at his Surrey home, Braemar, The Holt, Farnham, the same day.

Later, he was found him lying in bed at a Liverpool hotel recovering from an attack of malaria.

His prepossession, he said, "I communicated with my solicitor, and told him where I was."

"It is said that I have not been seen since I disembarked, but I came straight to this hotel from the ship about lunch-time on Wednesday."

"I intended to stay here for a few hours until it was time to catch the next train to Surrey, but almost as soon as I arrived I had a severe bout of malaria."

"I have now got over my attack, and shall be fit to travel home in a day or two."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Hongkong Banks & Unions are a steady market and good demand.

The former at \$1,480 after shares changing hands at \$1,475 and \$1,477½, and the latter business done at \$405 and in both cases shares still wanted. Docks have strengthened to \$223, and at the close enquiries were broadening over the list generally.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,480
Union Ins. \$405
Providents \$5.05
Lands \$38½
Star Ferries \$60½
China Lights (Old) \$8.10
Telephones (Old) \$28½
Ropes \$5.60
Watsons \$9.45

Sellers

Providents \$5.10
China Lights (Old) \$8.40
Ropes \$5.60

Sales

H.K. Bank \$1,475/77½/80
Union Ins. \$405
Docks \$23
Lands \$38½
Providents \$5.10
Farmways \$18
Cements \$10.10
Ropes \$5.60
Watsons \$9.60

Couple Will Forget the Gestapo in China

YOUNG Tso Chow-wang and Magdalena, his German bride, smiled when they were fined £5 each at Basingstoke.

For it meant the end of months of worry and trouble. Soon they will be on their way to China.

Their troubles began, said their solicitor, even while they were courting in Germany.

The secret police hunted them, threatening to send them to a concentration camp.

False Passport

After their marriage they were not allowed to live in the same town. Tso Chow-wang escaped into Denmark, got his wife to join him there.

With a borrowed passport for her, she arrived in England. They were arrested because she had come in on a false passport.

Arm-In-Arm

Tso Chow-wang, who is 30 and an engineering student, and blue-eyed, blonde Magdalena, three years younger, walked out of court arm-in-arm.

Now the Chinese Purchasing Commission is paying their passage to China.

Hitler's Gestapo won't trouble them anymore.

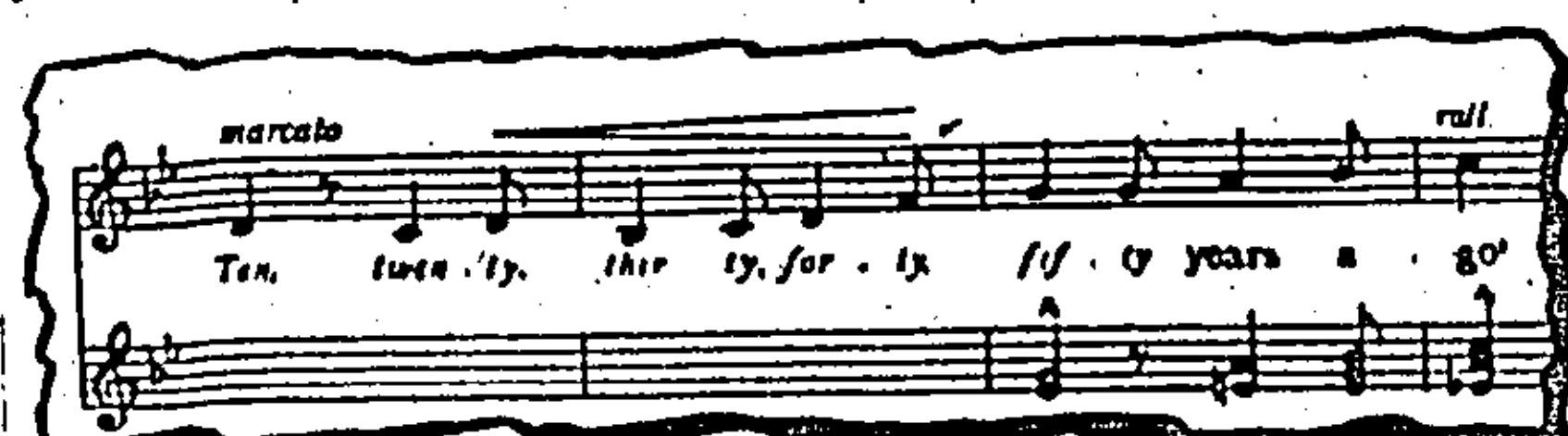
Month's Jail For Blasphemy

Sentence of one month's imprisonment without hard labour for having published a blasphemous libel—an impious representation of himself as Christ—was passed at Jersey Assizes on Arthur Reynolds Woodhall, aged 47, proprietor of the Mayfair Hotel, Jersey, and a native of Sheffield.

The alleged libel was contained in a photograph found by the Jersey chief aliens officer in Woodhall's passport.

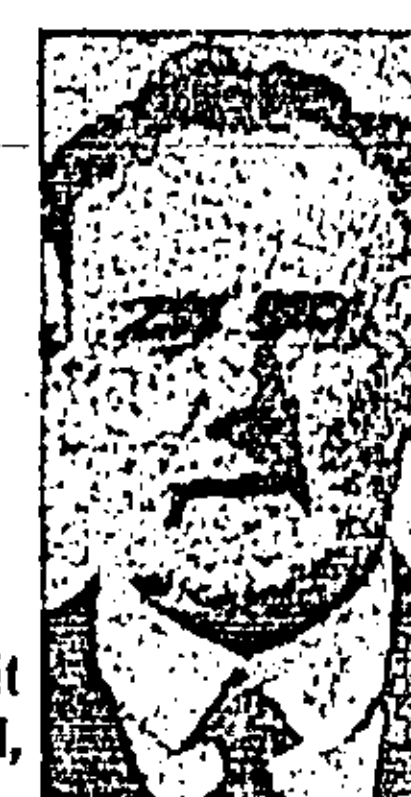
It showed Woodhall wearing bathing shorts lying with arms extended on a bench. A cross had been inscribed.

Its Composer Died Recently



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Words and music you have all heard—from one of Mr. Barron's most famous songs, "My Old Shako."

'Last Voyage' —The Song He Never Wrote



THE man who wrote that pre-jazz song hit—"My Old Shako"—died in Dulwich Hospital, S.E., recently, 71 years old.

John Francis Barron, who lived at Mount Adon Park, East Dulwich, wrote scores of other popular songs, too—among them "The Trumpeter."

As he lay dying he planned another, a sea song, "The Last Long Voyage."

"As a boy he yearned for the sea," his son, Mr. Francis Barron, said, "but he was rejected because of his eyesight."

"Before he was moved to hospital his thoughts turned again to the sea. 'The Last Long Voyage' was to deal with the sailors of this war."

"And it reflected what was in his mind when he knew that he could not live long."

He had to give up his writing two years ago, for his sight failed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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The Hongkong Branch of the British War Organisation Fund acknowledges the following donations:

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WE WIN IN AIR —NAZIS

GERMANY is building more and better warplanes than France and Britain combined, the Nazi claim.

They say that, while the Allies have a buy planes from the U.S., Germany can afford to export them.

In fact, Germany has become the leading aircraft exporter of Europe, probably of the world, claims an article in the German High Command magazine, "Armed Force."

Describing the present European conflict as a "war of factories," the article emphasises the dominating position of Germany's armament industry as compared with that of Britain and France.

\$8,200,000,000 Arms

German industry is said to be strong and efficient as never before. This, it is stated, is best shown by the Führer's last Reichstag speech, when he announced that he had spent \$8,200,000,000 for the rearmament of the German nation within the last six years.

This enormous figure, the article said, is the best proof of the production capacity of Germany's armament industry.

England, it said, spent \$2,300,000,000 on arms and France only \$1,400,000,000.

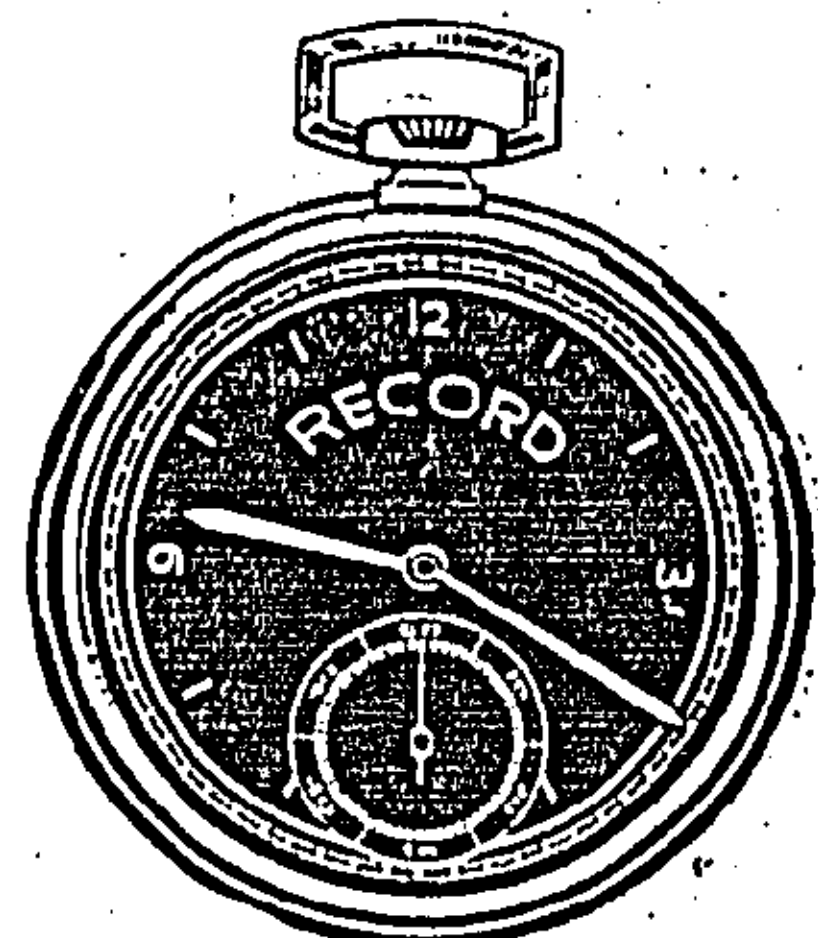
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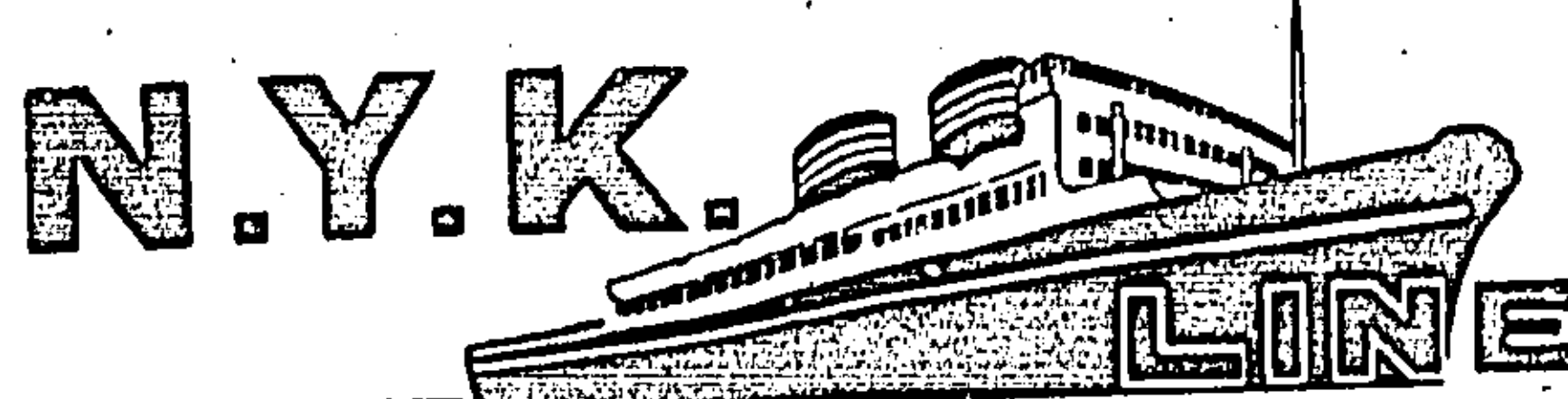
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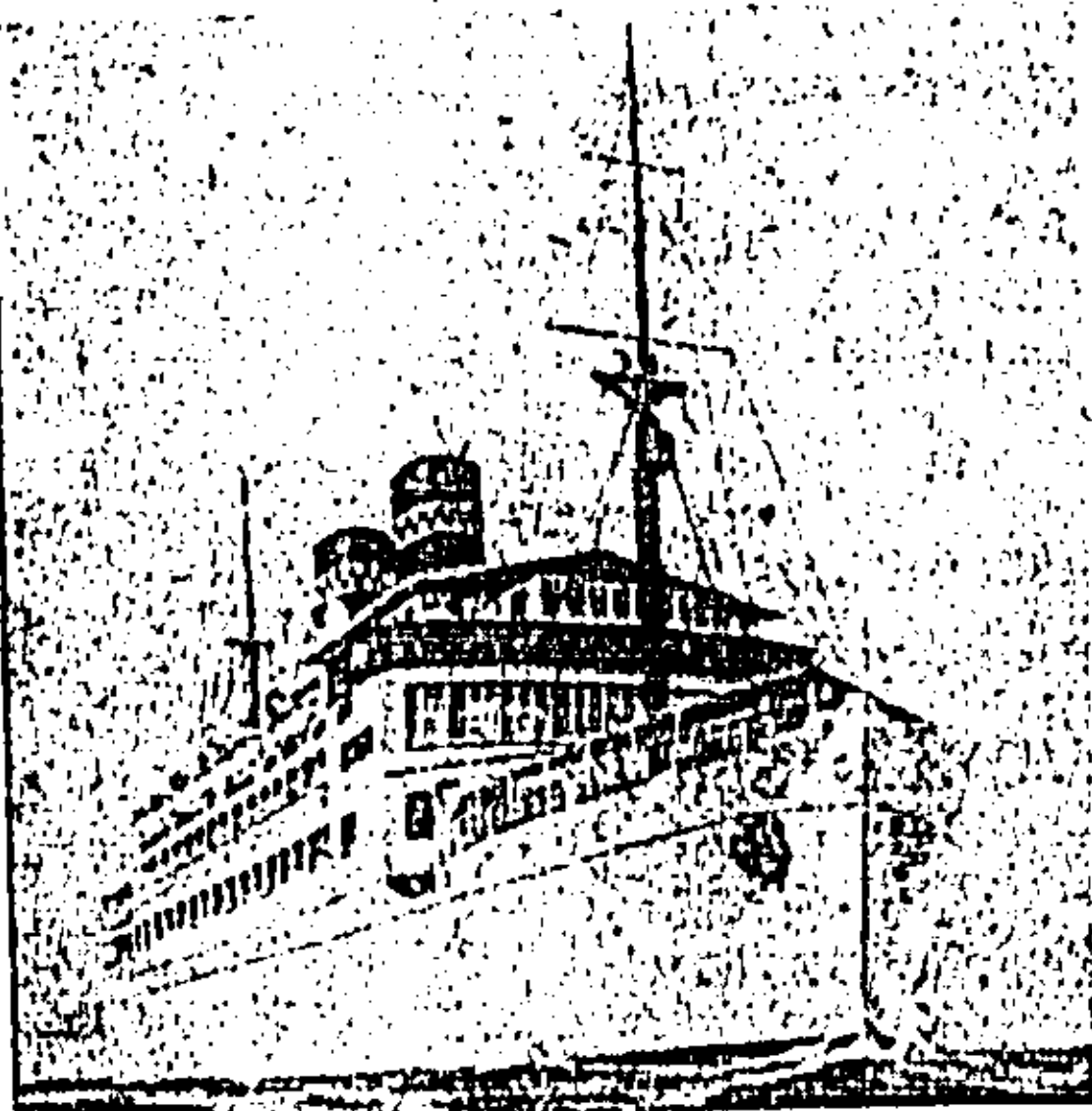
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BRITAIN'S DECISION

Full Aid For Finns
If Terms Rejected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 11 (UP).—The Allies have informed Finland that they are prepared to proceed immediately to aid the Finns with all their available resources, announced Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

This announcement is widely interpreted as a tacit admission that the Finnish war is practically over.

The Prime Minister said aid would be sent to Finland "in response to an appeal from Finland."

However, such an appeal has not come. Instead, the Finns are negotiating with Russia.

Some members of Parliament have interpreted the Premier's statement as meaning there is still a possibility of Allied help if the negotiations collapse.

Does It Mean War With Russia? Mr. Chamberlain could not amplify the statement when he was asked whether the Government are proposing to send troops to Finland, or if they are preparing to violate the neutrality of Norway or Sweden.

"Isn't this tantamount to going to war with Russia?" asked Mr. Kirkwood, the Labour member.

"We haven't arrived at that yet," was the Premier's non-committal reply.

Mr. Chamberlain apparently clarified the Allied position with regard to aid for Finland in an effort to protect Anglo-French prestige and to offset predictions that a collapse of the war in Finland would greatly strengthen Germany's position by permitting Russia to increase supplies to the Reich.

Following his statement in the House to-day, a statement was issued from No. 10 Downing Street as follows:

Downing St. Statement

"As there appears to be a misunderstanding about the reply given by the Prime Minister to a private notice in the House of Commons on the subject of Allied aid to Finland, the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish Government."

In the House, Mr. Chamberlain answered Mr. Clement Attlee's question by saying that the House of Commons is aware that the British and French have sent, and are continuing to send, material assistance to Finland.

The Premier reiterated that the Allies are prepared to give further aid "with all the available resources at their disposal."

Not Asked To Mediate

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Replying to supplementary questions in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that it would be untrue to say that the British Government had been asked to mediate but there was an occasion on which Mr. Ivan Maatsky, the Soviet Ambassador to London, had mentioned certain terms which the Russian Government was prepared to offer to Finland.

"The British Government," said the Prime Minister, did not feel able to pass these terms to Finland.

Mr. Chamberlain told Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Labour Opposition Leader, that any aid sent to Finland would be "in accordance with our obligations under the League Covenant."

"As to co-operation with others," Mr. Chamberlain went on, "I have already mentioned that France is in association with ourselves. Of course I cannot say what other states might feel bound to do."

Mr. Kirkwood (Opposition Labour): "Is not this tantamount to our going to war with Russia?"

Mr. Chamberlain: "It has not gone as far as that yet."

Asked if the Government was prepared to send troops to Finland and if so, were they prepared to violate the neutrality of Norway in doing so, Mr. Chamberlain said that he could not add anything to the statement he had made.

Allies' Assurances

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister announced that the British and French Governments have already informed the Finnish Government that they are prepared, in response to an appeal from the Finns for further aid to proceed immediately and jointly to help Finland.

The British and French Governments will use all available resources at their disposal.

Interpretation

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—"Reuters" Lobby Correspondent says:

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'Scottish' Whiskey Was Distilled in Hongkong

Last year several Europeans were cleverly hood-winked by bogus salesmen who went about selling whiskey and brandy purported to be from reputable firms and of the highest quality. In reality, the wines were nothing more than some form of adulterated spirits.

Covering the same subject, three cases of importance to the Hongkong community were heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Mr. R. Edwards.

In the first case, Poon Kwan-hang and Cho Yuk-sang were charged with possession of dutiable spirit, possession of duty paid labels and retailing whiskey and brandy without a licence. The whiskey concerned was purported to be White Horse and the brandy to be Hennessy's 3 Stars.

Defendants were alleged to have approached Mrs. M. Sullivan of 27 Robinson Road and Mrs. J. Pennell, wife of Sgt. Pennell of the Hongkong Police Force, to try and dispose of the bottles of wine.

Defendants were each sentenced to nine months' hard labour each. In another case, Ng Kai was charged with (a) possession of dutiable spirit supposed to be of the White Horse brand, (b) possession of duty paid labels and (c) possession of duty paid labels which had been taken from bottles of duty paid spirit.

Ng was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. The third case involved Tsang Cheung who was charged with (a) possession of dutiable spirits, (b) possession of duty paid labels and (c) retailing without a licence. He was given nine months' hard labour.

Prosecuting Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt told Mr. Edwards that the Imports and Exports Department took a very serious view of these cases owing to the loss of duty involved and the irreparable loss to the proprietors of White Horse Whiskey and Hennessy Brandy, through people like defendants offering for sale adulterated spirit in bottles labelled White Horse and Hennessy Brandy.

The Magistrate agreed with Mr. Grimmitt that it was a very serious offence.

Nazis Warn Neutrals

Indicate "Rights" For Sinking Ships

OSLO, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Germany has informed Norway that she considers her navy and air force entitled to attack neutral ships immediately if they are retreating in any way, or if they are without ordinary lights, or if they refuse to stop when summoned to do so.

Neutral vessels sailing together are advised to exercise strict caution especially where enemy warships are operating.

This information is conveyed in a written reply through the German Legation to a question from a representative of the Norwegian Ship-owners' Association.

YUGOSLAV COAL FOR ITALY

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Italy has ordered 200,000 tons of coal from Yugoslavia up to the end of May, according to a Rome despatch to a German news agency.

that the interpretation to be placed on the Prime Minister's statement on Monday is that Anglo-French help will be forthcoming if it is asked for.

Koon French Interest

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain's announcement in the House of Commons with regard to further Anglo-French aid to Finland has aroused intense interest in France, where its importance is fully realised.

It is felt here that the Allies have given Finland a strong card to play in her negotiations with Russia, and the next move, which lies with Finland, is eagerly awaited.

It is stated by well-informed French circles in Paris that hitherto Finland has made no fresh appeal to the Allies.

French political circles believe that the present week, with Finland's decision and the end of Mr. Sumner Welles' mission, may well prove one of the most decisive since the war started.

General Kita Transferred

Significant Move By Japanese In N. C.

PEIPING, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—It is now quite definite that Lieut. General Kita, the Japanese Army's political director in North China and the power behind the Peiping Government, will shortly leave North China for good, having been transferred to a military command in Japan.

His successor is Major-General Mohloka.

Political Motive? In view of the fact that Lieut. Kita was a warm personal supporter of Wang Keli-min and of the semi-independent status of North China, this move is considered significant.

The North China group may now recede from the former intransigent attitude towards the formation of a central regime.

It is learned that the Central Political Conference at Nanking will open on March 20, having been postponed from March 12.

Wang Ching-wel's government is now expected to be inaugurated on April 1.

Hitler Talks Humbug

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Commenting on Hitler's speech, the "New York Times" says that it threw no new light on the situation.

Hitler, the paper continues, offered if necessary to give his life for a German victory. This, says the paper, seems a moderate enough offer when one considers the thousands of other German lives he has already sacrificed to that end.

Hitler, the paper concludes, was talking "humbug" when he described the Allied aims as being the destruction of Germany.

QUEER TYPE OF NEUTRALITY

French Criticism Of Swedish Attitude

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—A statement made by the Swedish radio has evoked a pointed comment in French diplomatic quarters, where it is stressed that Germany had made clear to Scandinavian countries that it would be considered a breach of neutrality if aid for Finland from a Third Power was allowed to pass through their territory.

It was when this German conception was adopted by Sweden that she invited Finland to abandon the struggle.

Paris considers, even without recalling the provisions of the League Covenant, that it is difficult to understand how the principles of neutrality, as generally understood, can be invoked to justify Sweden's present attitude.

N.Z. Government Act Quickly

WELLINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The New Zealand Government has taken over the control of Auckland Harbour and at the same time has taken the power to adopt the same course elsewhere if necessary.

The cause of this action was a trade dispute between the Harbour Board and the harbour workers over a new wage grant.

The Government has asked the men to work on present on the old rate pending the completion of a new agreement for the development of a new co-operative system.

Dutch Ship Mined: Crew Rescued

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Dutch cargo steamer, Amor, 2,325 tons, was mined and sunk near the Westhinder Lightship.

The crew of 30 were rescued by the Irish steamer, City of Bremen, and landed at Flushing.

The Amor was en route to Holland from the West Indies.

Greek Steamer Sunk LONDON, Mar. 11 (UP).—An unnamed Greek steamer is reported to have been mined and sunk off the southeast coast of England to-day.

Two other steamers are said to have picked up the entire crew.

Loan Issue Keeps Exchange Quiet LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day was mainly quiet owing to the imminence of tomorrow's war loan issue.

The prices of most groups tended to ease, but Indian Government bonds were exceptionally strong on good buying from eastern sources. Wall Street was steady.

MR. OYSTER WELLES

Another Man Whose Lips Are Sealed

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Sumner Welles drove to the American Embassy this morning and received the Press at noon. He smiled at his own reluctance.

Answering questions by over 100 journalists, he emphasised that he was in Europe on a fact-finding tour in order to report to President Roosevelt.

Secondly, any views given him by members of the Governments he had seen were absolutely confidential and solely for President Roosevelt.

No Proposals He added: "I have no proposals to make and no commitments to offer in the name of my Government."

Mr. Welles sees Viscount Halifax this afternoon and afterwards he will be received by the King.

In the early evening he will see Mr. Chamberlain and to-night he will dine with Viscount Halifax.

Audience With King LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Sumner Welles spent an hour at the Foreign Office this afternoon and when he left Lord Halifax came to the entrance to see him off.

Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to London, were received by the King at the Buckingham Palace where they were received by the King.

They had tea with Their Majesties afterwards.

Evening Conversation LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Sumner Welles, accompanied by Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, the American Ambassador to London, saw the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax in the Cabinet Room at 10 Downing Street this evening.

Received By The King LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Mr. Sumner Welles held conversations for about an hour with Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

Following the interview, Mr. Welles, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the American Ambassador, was received in audience by His Majesty, King George, at the Buckingham Palace.

Indian Mill Strike

Unsuccessful Govt. Intervention

BOMBAY, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Government has intervened in the Labour dispute without much success so far.

Since last Monday, 130,000 mill workers have been out on strike for wage increases owing to the higher cost of living.

When negotiations with employees broke down, the Bombay Government asked the mill owners if they would grant a bonus if, as a result of the war, they got higher profits.

The mill owners had a meeting yesterday and later issued a statement saying that they could not increase their original offer.

Austria's Day Of Mourning

Second Anniversary Of Annexation

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Two years ago yesterday, Germany annexed Austria and the anniversary was marked here by the opening of "The Austria Office" which is to get in touch with underground movements in Austria and to help spread Allied propaganda.

A large number of Austrian emigres were present at the opening and speeches were made by the former Social Democrat leader and the leader of the Austrian Monarchists.

Both said that they had only one aim—the liberation of Austria.

The former Austrian Minister to London was also present.

He said that most of the people in Austria were opposed to the present state of affairs.

INDEPENDENCE OF CHINA

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in answer to a question by Mr. Arthur Henderson that it remained the policy of the Government that the independence of China should be preserved.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1890. We are informed by a gentleman from the Peak district that about 8.45 a.m. a storm of hail suddenly broke over the Trainway station, lasting about 3 minutes. The stones were phenomenally large, averaging about an inch across, by three-eighths thick. It was a slight, our informant assured us, that he would not have believed if he had not witnessed it.

The Artillery Volunteers are being invited by the military authorities to co-operate in a big-gun display in honour of the Duke of Cornwall. But they are not "freezing" on to the idea. We understand that the Fleet will go through a series of evolutions when the visitors arrive. The "Fame" will be on hand to tow any "cripple" into harbour after the display.

25 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1915. The Hon. Nell Primrose announced in the House of Commons that, in deference to the express desire of His Holiness, the Pope, Germany has agreed to a complete exchange of invalid civilians.

In Belgium there has been a most violent bombardment of Nieuport by 42 centimetre guns. The British Army, supported by our heavy artillery, between the Lys and La Bassée canal, gained a most important success. They captured the village of Neuve Chapelle, east of the La Bassée Estaires road, and also advanced north-east of that village in the direction of Aubers, and south-east in the direction of Biez Wood. They took a thousand prisoners, including several officers, also machine-guns. The German losses were very heavy.

The outlook is black indeed for the Germans. The supreme point is that Germany cannot conduct a long war—she cannot "last." And she cannot save herself from defeat merely holding on where she is. There are thus two alternatives open to her—either she must shortly stifle everything on a final supreme effort (of which she seems incapable) or she must collapse from sheer exhaustion. And if the Allies are able to inflict serious disaster on the fields as we believe they soon will be able, that collapse will be very materially hastened. For the Allies the advent of Spring is awaited with strong confidence; for Germany it may well be dreaded as the hour of her bitterest humiliation.

10 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1930. A vote for \$12,700 in regard to the provision of a Children's Playground in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, is to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

Emphasis was placed on the advisability of the amalgamation of the Hongkong Electric Co. and the China Light and Power Co., at the annual meeting this morning, when the Chairman (Mr. Gordon Mackie) and Mr. G. H. Potts expressed their conviction that such an amalgamation would be to the benefit of both shareholders and consumers.

They regretted that up to the present had been found impossible to work on a basis agreeable to both parties, Mr. Potts describing it as a "terrible calamity" that an amalgamation had not been effected.

A grim drama was enacted in Kennedy Town in the early hours of this morning, when the seven-story building, demolishing the staircase and trapping a family of five at the top. As the blaze grew in intensity, the terror-stricken family was forced to take refuge in the kitchen at the back of the premises, and finally, before the arrival of the Brigade, to jump for their lives.

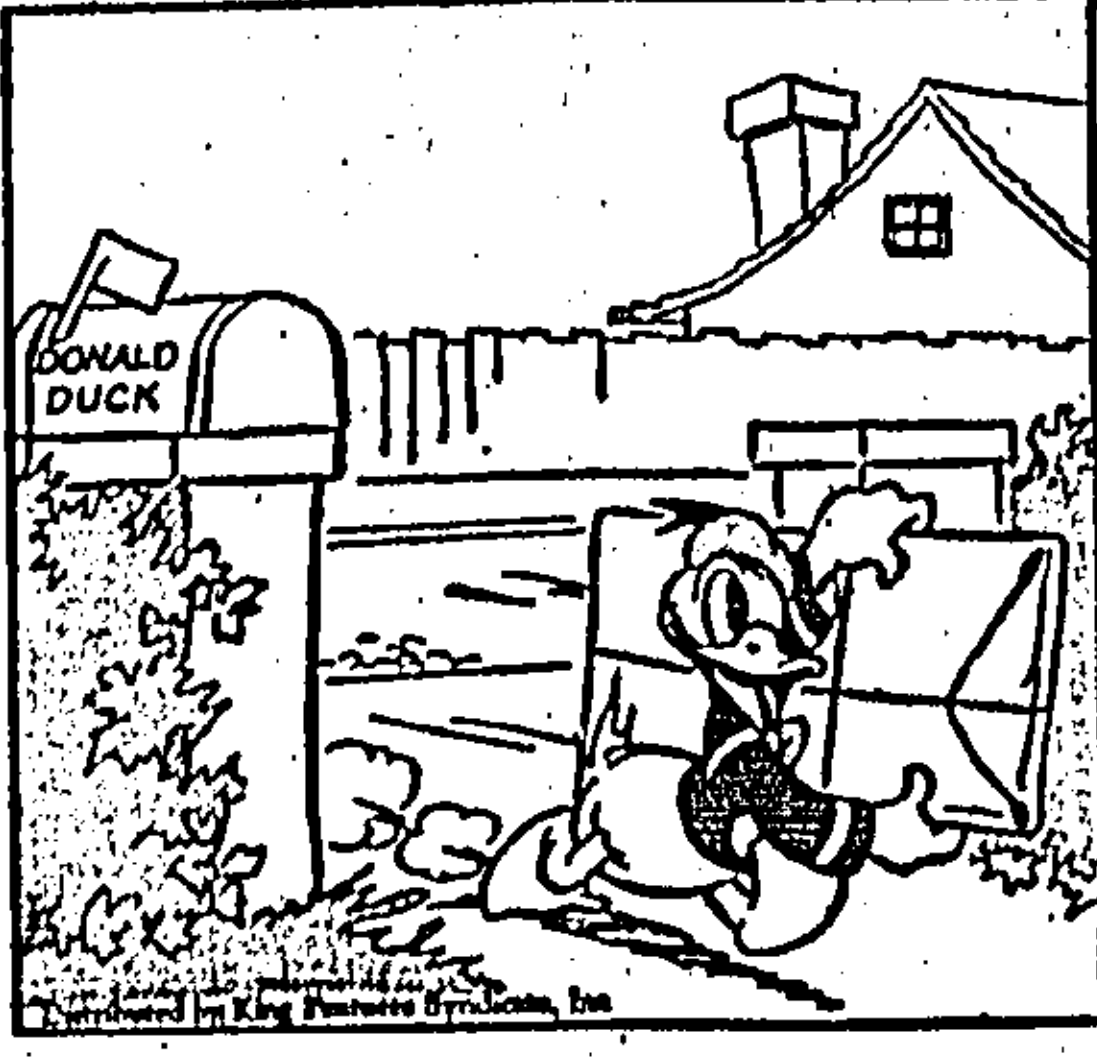
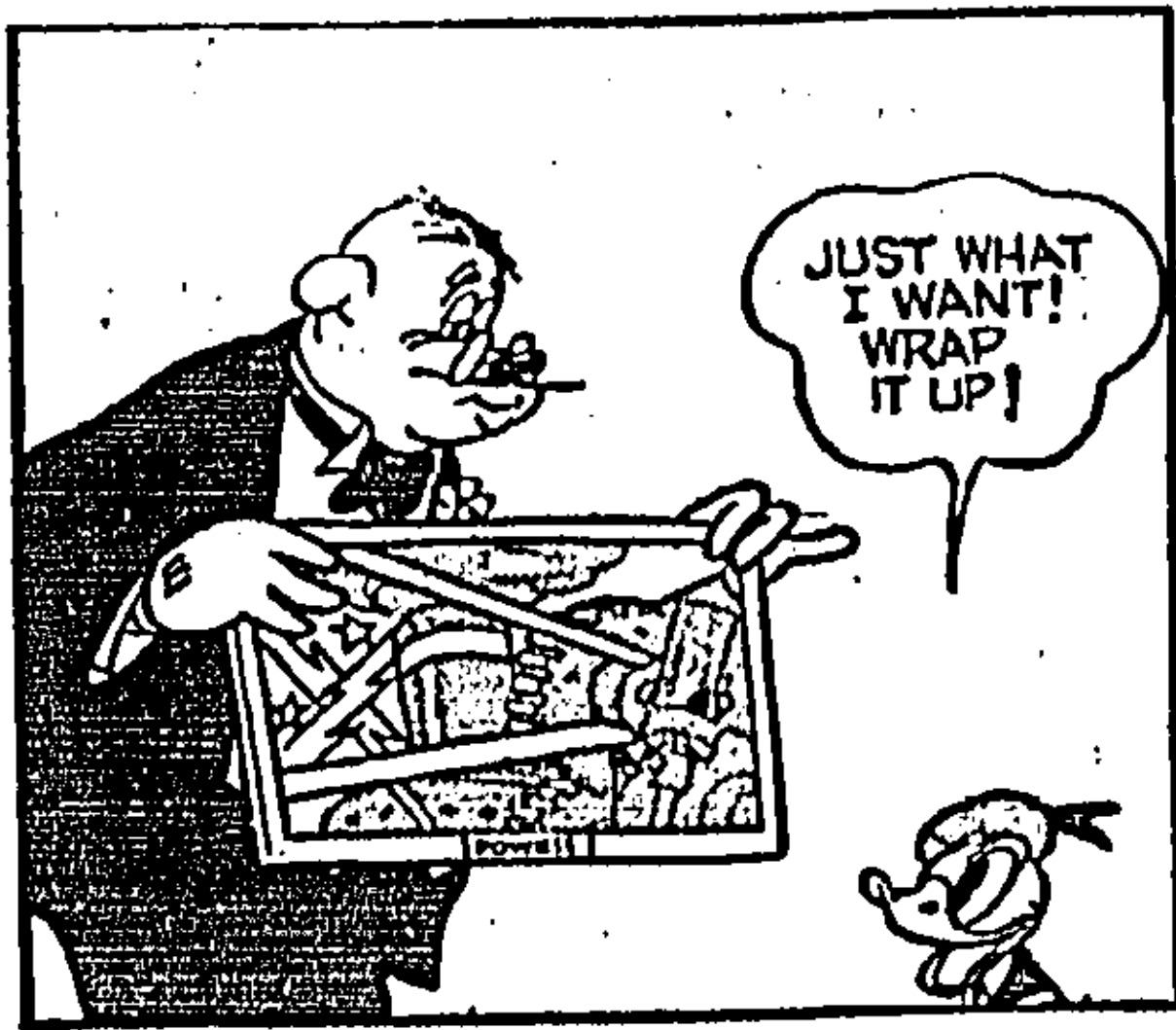
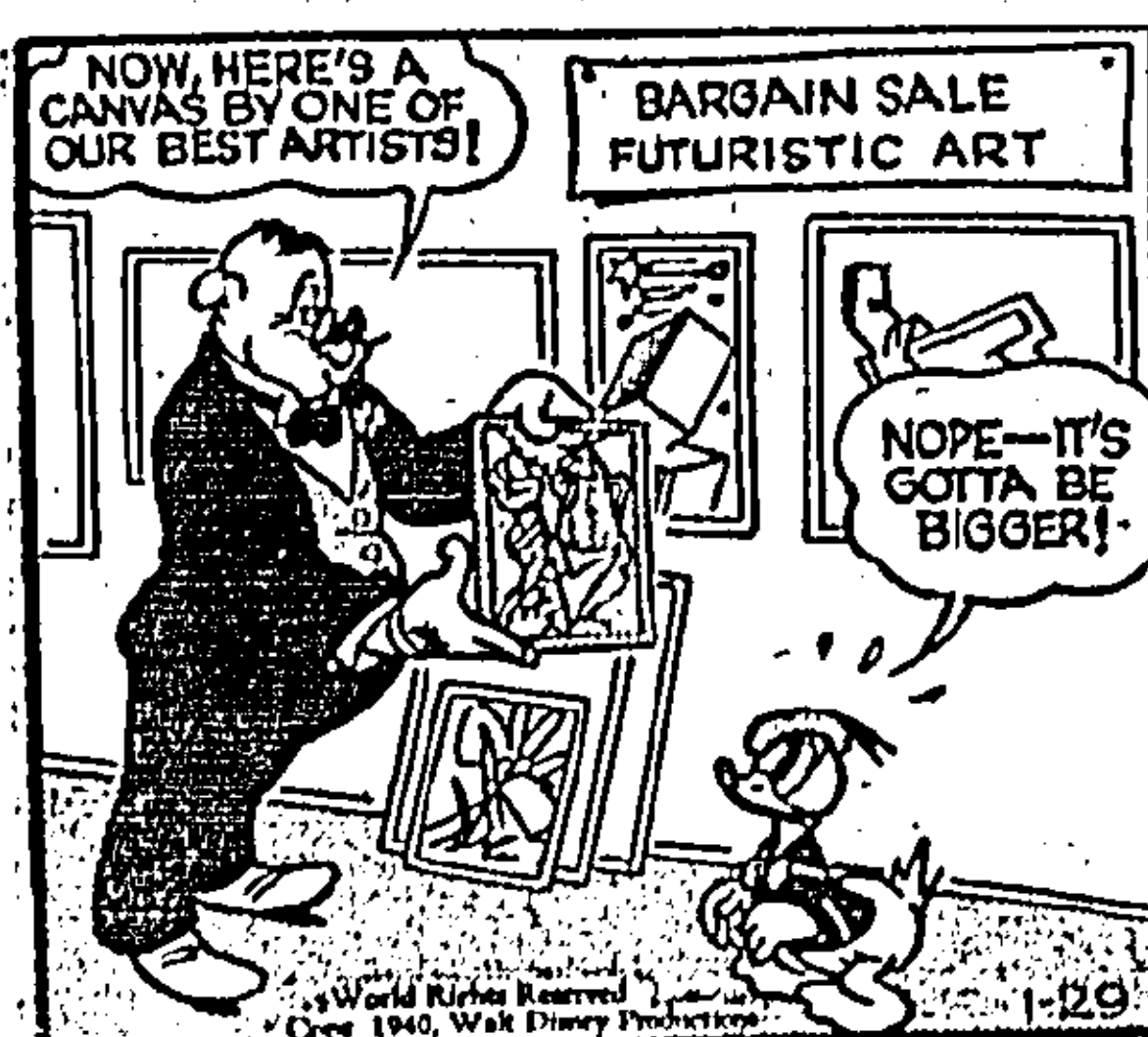
5 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1935. Prospects of Hongkong soon being able to communicate by radio-telephone with the outside world were referred to by the Hon. Mr. Gordon Mackie when addressing shareholders of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., at its annual meeting to-day.

Political Storm In Toronto

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—It is reported from Toronto that Mr. Harry Nixon, Provincial Secretary for the Ontario Government and Premier Hepburn's right-hand man, has resigned from the Cabinet as a protest against Premier Hepburn's recent actions in criticising the conduct of Canada's war effort.

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Science Puts A Head On



I thought a chemist was a guy concerned with blowing me sky-high.
 I thought he used his well-trained wit to tear the universe to bits.
 I got them wrong, these gifted boys.
 For two of 'em, in Illinois, have handed out a Big Idea For putting sturdier froth on beer.

Now, thanks to ultra-violet rays, The head on every half-pint stays An extra half-an-hour intact—A very interesting fact.

I don't suppose you'd wait to blow it.
 But still, I thought you'd like to know it.

H. R.

Buttons are not only ornamental but slowly unfasten from throat to knee. Long evening jackets unhook slowly throughout their length.

A new pencil silhouette launched by Paris houses at the last minute is a challenge to the otherwise universal full-skirted effect. Sheath-like evening suits, with late Victorian drapes where the bustle used to be, scarcely allow room to walk. Severe tailor frocks, just below the knee, are straight and narrow, with a pleated apron to give a false effect of fullness.

Ice Cream Cones

Evening headresses include "ice cream" cones on the back of the head, some of them trimmed with a wreath of flowers, some with sequins, others with halo brims or nets. Or they have cobweb veils sweeping behind for several feet.

Out of the week's fashion forecasts one thing is certain, that if you do not wear suits you will wear dresses with a blouse effect.

Bows make their bow and sashes are almost as popular as belts.

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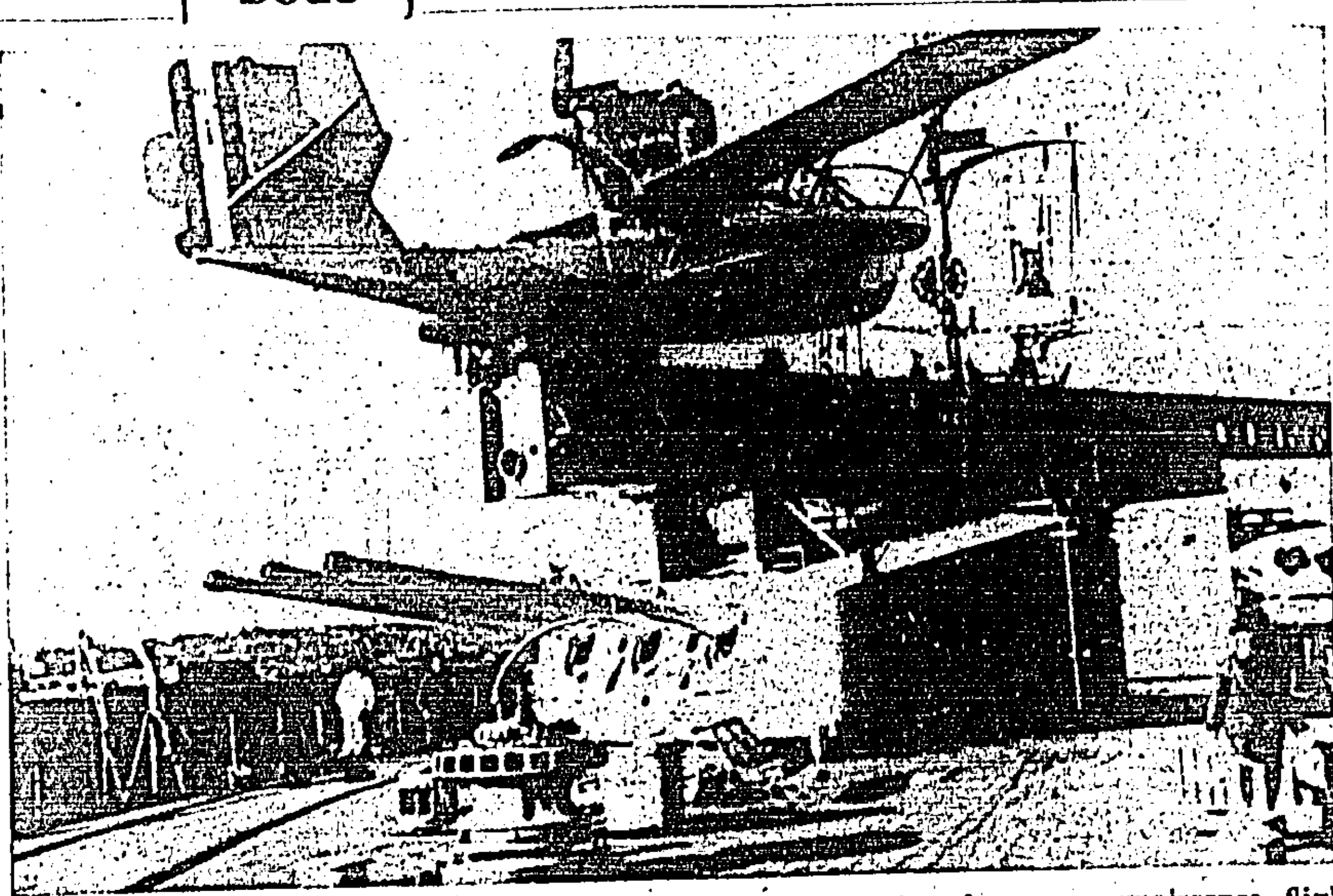
The keynote of fashion will be simplicity, optimism, and charm. You may permit yourself a few out-of-the-way details, however.

Coarse wool embroidery in fruit and flower designs is used on collars and cuffs.

Those who cannot afford lavish furs may use the rabbit for almost any occasion, without the difference being really noted.

FRANCE HAS WATCH DOGS

Bombers Now Have Four Guns To Answer Nazi Fighters



A FRENCH HYDROPLANE being tuned up in preparation for a reconnaissance flight over the Mediterranean.—French Official Photo.

Secret of New R.A.F. Equipment Is Out

By AN AIR CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S airmen have discovered to their cost—it can now be revealed—that since the outbreak of war practically the whole of Britain's bomber force has been re-equipped with more formidable armament.

The Wellington, for example, now generally recognised as the finest bomber in the world, is surprisingly better than it was before the war.

Recent photographs reveal that the Wellington now have twin guns in their turrets. Flying in close formations of three they can bring among them 12 machine-guns to bear on any attacking fighter.

So far they are the only British aeroplanes which have stood a pitched battle over the North Sea and then flown on with their bombs to the German harbour which was their objective. But the harbour was devoid of shipping, so they returned to their base without unloading their bombs.

Airports Photographed

Photographs taken over German aerodromes by British planes flying at only 2,000 or 3,000ft. may be released for publication soon.

One photograph actually shows in one corner the wing of a German aeroplane landing while British bombers are machine-gunning it.

Two German planes were machine-gunned, for as they flew home they were apparently unaware that the heavy bombers circling round their landing ground were British.

Aerodrome after aerodrome, as well as the whole Siegfried Line, has now been photographed until it is almost possible to build up a complete air-map of secret Germany as far inland as Berlin.

Ordeal By Night

At night-time, too, our bombers are continuing reconnaissance flights which constitute some of the most heroic efforts of the war. Incidentally, pilots say that the German blackout has recently got much blacker.

Night flight R.A.F. men have a hard task. They take off just after dark and fly across the North Sea for more than 300 miles without seeing a thing. All too often the first indication of their arrival over Germany is a tremendous burst of "fire-works."

Every type of projectile is hurled at them—and it all helps to confirm for them that their navigation has been good.

TRIAL OF YOUNG

Journalist Charged In Tokyo Court

Tokyo, Mar. 11. The trial of Mr. James R. Young, Far Eastern representative of the International News Service, was opened in the District Court at 10.35 this morning. Seven minutes after the opening of the trial the public was excluded.

Judge Kaname Hotta and Procurator Kurahara presided while the Court Interpreter was Professor Hideo Ogata of the Law College in Yokohama.

Three attorneys appeared for the defence: Messrs. Fumio Takashima, Yoshio Fukuda and Yoshio Suzuki.

According to the Japanese Press "sufficient proof" has been collected by the Section of the Procurator's Office of the Tokyo District Court to substantiate the charges of fabrication and circulation of rumours laid against Mr. Young irrespective of whether Mr. Young will recognize it or not.

Mr. Young was arrested on January 21 at the Imperial Hotel.

Adjourned To Friday

Tokyo, Mar. 11. The next session will be on Friday. Three Americans were allowed to be present to-day: Mrs. Young, a Y.M.C.A. official acting as her translator and an Embassy observer.

Young appeared to be in good health and spirits.—United Press.

'I will not leave my Country' says Sibelius

FINLAND'S GREAT COMPOSER WILL STAY WITH PEOPLE

HELSINGFORS.

JEAN SIBELIUS, the man of seventy-four who has put the spirit of Finland into music, has received invitation after invitation to leave his war-locked country—and has refused them all.

In fact, nothing irritates him more than people who suggest he is in danger. He has infinite faith in the men who are defending his homeland.

"They're Finns, aren't they?" while bombs drop around him is his comment to a friend of the family I met.

He still works in his villa in the suburbs, except when raiding planes come over. Then he goes out on the roof with a thirty-two calibre gun and pops at them.

Pistol Practice In Studio Not so monastic as Sibelius, Aaltonen received me in his studio and proudly slung his gun over his shoulder.

"Sometimes they fly low. Once they were only 100 yards above my head, I'll get one yet," he said.

In his studio was a peck-marked blackboard. I asked what it was for.

"I do pistol practice every morning. If a Russian comes within range I'll shoot him," he answered.

Beside the blackboard was a beautiful peasant Madonna and Child.

Aaltonen's work that is best known in England is the sculpture on Helsingfors modernistic railway station. He is most proud of that, especially of a figure of a young poet.

The Russians have frequently bombed the station. He said: "If they destroy my work there I'll be very angry."

The Spirit Of Battle He is carving a female statue of Freedom to replace the figure of the Russian Czar Alexander in Helsingfors University. He is also working on an enormous portal for a frontier bridge.

That, too, has an apt theme. The figures are of soldiers and peasants fighting aggression.

Another world-famous Finn artist who goes on—working

She had just spent a day with the composer and his wife at their semi-rustic wooden summer-house a few miles out of Helsingfors, where he is working.

She said he was in fine form, and very proud about the progress of the war.

A few months before the war Sibelius decided to break his life of always living a secluded life in the country, and open a town flat.

He went into the flat a few weeks before war broke out, and stayed there for the first fortnight of the fighting, in spite of heavy bombardments.

"It was the noise that drove him out," his friend told me. "He has little fear, but he says the noise was just too unmusical."

His Windows Dropped Out

But even in the country he sometimes hears the echo of bombs dropping on a town close by.

The windows of his own house have dropped out through vibration, and one day the house rocked.

But he says Finland is his home and inspiration, and refuses to quit.

Sibelius is a typical Finn, in looks—a rugged, peasant figure, with head and square chin shaped very like Winston Churchill's.

He is now working on a new composition that is nearing completion. It will be first played in Finland, he says.

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2.15 Close Down.

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6.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 New Light Symphony Orchestra.—Zampa—Overture, Spanish Dance, No. 1, "The Dubarry"—Selection.

8.25 Hawaiian Selections.—All My Life, Sundown In Old Waikiki, George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Kohala March, Honolulu March, Frank Ferrera and John K. Paulini (Hawaiian Guitars); Hawaiian Happiness—Medley, Len Fillis and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

8.45 B.B.C. Recording—"The Fol-De-Rols"—Written and produced by Wolsey Charles.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Schumann—Trio In D Minor, Op. 63—Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

10.17 Piano Solos by Alfred Cortot.—Papillons, Op. 2, Etude En Forme De Valce, Etude In F Minor.

10.36 Haydn—Symphony No. 86 In D Major.—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11.00 Close Down.

FIVE ARMED MEN ROB FILM STAR

NEW YORK. police-car siren, and made off in their own car.

Miss Bennett said at the police station: "This is a fine thing to happen. First we go to a charity performance, and then we get robbed."

Richard Ainley, who lost nothing, said: "The robbers told me 'Sit quiet, and I did.'"

Miss Bennett lost a diamond bracelet worth more than £5,000 and a chain imitation ring.

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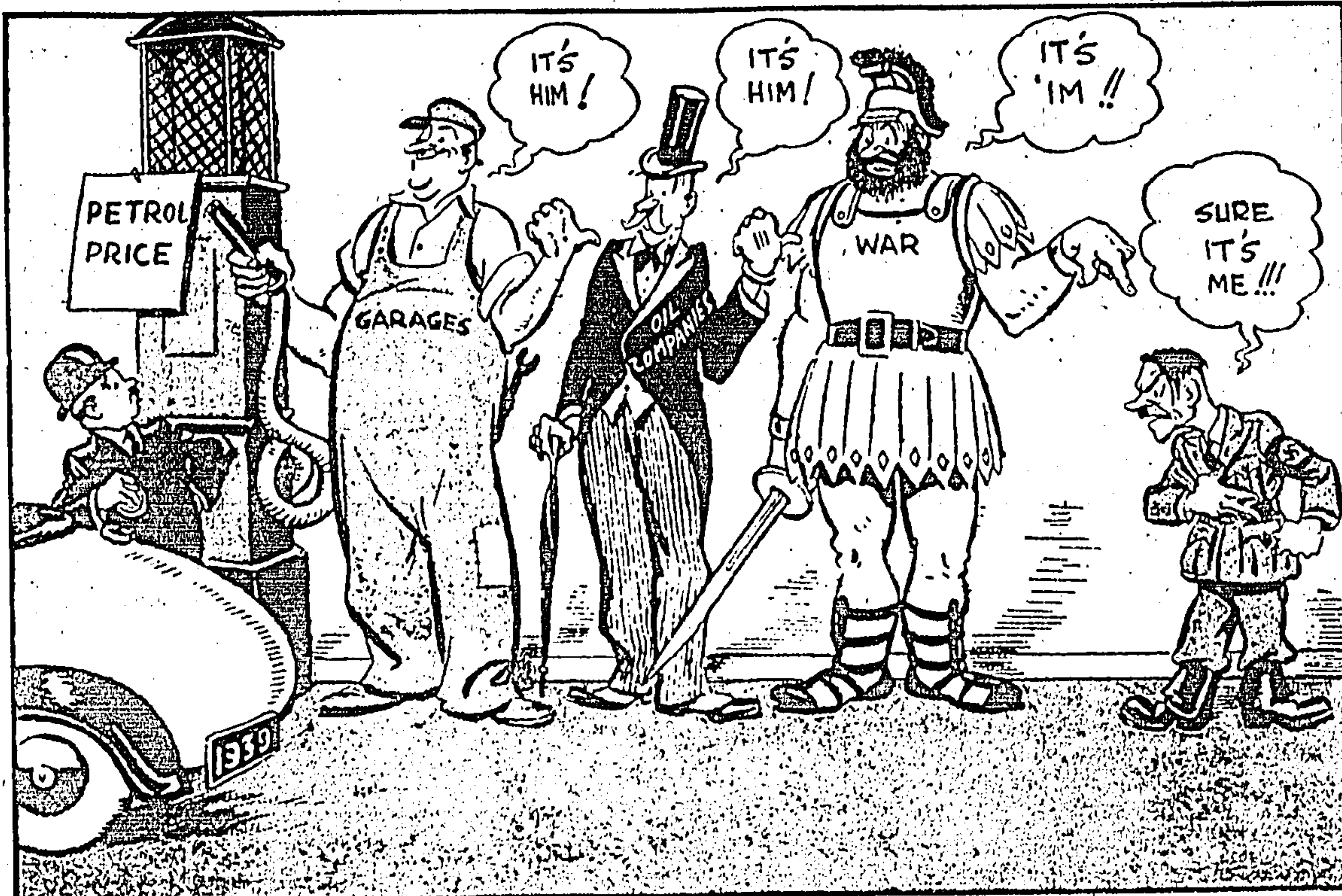
"Inspiration"

HITLER is waiting for "inspiration." That accounts for the lull on the Western Front. So says a Nazi of some standing. The story goes that the German military authorities are uncertain how to tackle the problem that lies before them, and even the reputed military genius of the Fuhrer is at a loss.

The use of the word "inspiration" may be explained in various ways. There is the inspiration of genius which Hitler may have or may not have. He has yet to prove that he is naturally a super-soldier. But there are many people who by "inspiration" mean quite another thing. Some time ago a British journalist who has had many opportunities of studying the Fuhrer said that he is undoubtedly psychic; that he is controlled by some power outside of himself; and that when he is confronted by a difficult problem he waits for the influence and guidance of that power.

This opinion seems to find support, in some measure, from passages in that enlightening book, "Germany's Revolution of Destruction," by Hermann Rauschning, a former Nazi of official standing. He says that "the gift Hitler unquestionably possesses of waiting for the right moment, a gift which has been misinterpreted as irresolution and passivity, is only the expression of his inability to come to a decision until an inner voice speaks to him on his problems, and he has the sense that the right moment has arrived." The author also refers to the romantic trait in Hitler's problematic nature, with the cry, "Don't upset my intuition," and his frequent refusal to listen to criticism. Evidently, however, this "inner voice" is not always to be trusted, for Herr Rauschning confidently forecasts the sure and complete destruction of the Nazi regime.

These are interesting theories, but it would be in the highest degree dangerous to allow them to put us off our guard and to breed undue optimism. Whatever be Hitler's temperament, behind everything is the might of German armaments and the determination to use them to the utmost when the day for action comes.



—Armstrong in Melbourne "Argus"

This Is How
Hitler Brings Up
The Children

BALDUR VON SCHIRACH banged his fist on the desk. "You say that the children of Germany cannot be regimented? I say that they can and will be! Every boy and every girl in this nation will be made a National Socialist!"

He was almost shouting: his black eyes flashed.

"Der Fuehrer has told us that the Third Reich will stand for a thousand years. That to our youth belongs the future, and youth belongs to us. There will be no escape possible from the channel which we shall mark for the German to follow from childhood to manhood. And we shall produce not humanitarians and your other weak-kneed types, but good soldiers, strong men, and loyal National Socialists. Give me a child of six to educate, and he will belong to me for life."

That was in 1933 at the Brown House in Munich. Baldur von Schirach has kept his word. Backed by Adolf Hitler, who adores and implicitly trusts him, the Reich Youth Leader is forcing 7,000,000 children through a unique and appalling system of education.

At the age of six, a German child enters primary school and meets the Herr Lehrer.

Not simply a school-teacher is the Herr Lehrer, but an institution, a symbol of the authority of the State. A young, athletic brown-shirt, picked for his loyalty to the party, has taken the place of the old-style bespectacled pedagogue.

Every morning the Herr Lehrer raises his arm. "Heil Hitler," he shouts. "Heil Hitler," peep the little voices. "What is our first duty as Germans?" he intones. "To love and obey the Fuehrer," the class chants. Another salute, and the six-year-olds do not write. "The cat is black" in their exercise books, but "Adolf Hitler is my Leader."

The primer is "Mein Kampf," boiled down to "Germany is the greatest country in the world. All Jews are evil," and the like.

Object lessons are invented by the teacher. One example was recently commended by the Ministry of Education. A little girl was caught lying. She had to write fifty times on the blackboard: "I am not pure Aryan and am therefore given to lying."

At the age of ten, with secondary school, begins the really serious curriculum. The teachers must be "politically reliable" and sponsored

This article was published in Reader's Digest, an important American publication, under the heading "Thousand-Year Reich."

They must be graduates of the High School of Teacher Training, where the primary purpose is to create a "soldierly" teacher.

I was in a history classroom when a boy of fourteen disputed the text-book description of the Battle of Jutland. His father had been in the battle and had told him about it. The boy received a whipping. And something infinitely worse—as the teacher told me later—"We have marked it down in his party record."

THE party record of a German child, his passport to wealth or poverty, success or failure, begins at the age of ten. If a "pure Aryan" he then enters the Deutsches Jungvolk, junior section of the Hitler Jugend. From then on, he is under the constant surveillance of the party.

On his "National Socialistic enthusiasm," his obedience to his superiors, his qualities of leadership, and his athletic ability in the Jungvolk—and, after fourteen, in the Jugend—depend his hopes of a comfortable life as a party member.

Evenings, at the local clubhouse of the Hitler Jugend, the boys sit in front of a large picture of Hitler so that "no boy may ever forget that the Fuehrer is watching him." The local leader and visiting party potentates make propaganda speeches; various boys also speak. The grim earnestness of these affairs never relaxes for a moment.

Saturday is devoted to military drill, from the manual of arms through every detail of military life. I have seen the boys drill for an hour at a time in the broiling sun without rest. Every boy of fifteen must be able to march thirteen miles a day with an eleven-pound pack. If he falls out of line his weakness goes into his party record. There is not much chance for a fragile boy to last. But unless he does his future is pretty bleak.

SONS of powerful party members and boys of "fourth-grade National Socialistic worth" may apply at the age of twelve for admission to the elite Adolf Hitler boarding-schools, which prepare for the National Socialist Order of Leaders.

In the Adolf Hitler schools the boys are under iron discipline every hour of the day. Every movement must be strictly military. No newspapers or literature, except those National

socialist works prescribed by the party, are allowed. Beds are of straw, and there is just enough coarse food for "good health." Academic learning is subordinated to the study of party doctrine.

For a boy not of this pre-selected elite the turning-point of life comes at eighteen. At that time the party decides whether he is to be the one in twenty who will be made a party official and receive the swastika button. If he is not one of the 50,000 a year chosen the chances are strongly against his ever becoming prominent in his business or profession.

To the elect, the future is open. Having sworn to the Nazi creed of "myself, my people, my Führer," he is always "right" and "never violate discipline" are among them—he becomes a member of the party.

But the selective process continues. Party member or not, he must spend the next six months in the Labour Service. Six hours a day, with pick and shovel—building roads, fortifications, clearing forests. This also is a Spartan existence, in simple shelter with rough food. One of Hitler's primary tenets is that every man must learn to work with his hands—and to work hard.

Then come two years in the army. The spirit of the army is much as it was before the World War. But now, agents of the party are in every regiment. One injudicious word and the secret police descend on officer or private alike. The anti-Nazi feeling of the older aristocratic officers is being ruthlessly stamped out.

WITH his labour and military service finished, the young German must choose his career.

Only 15,000 students a year are admitted to the universities. Each must have a personal recommendation from the district party leader and clean bills from the Hitler Youth, the labour corps, and the army. Mental qualifications, the Ministry of Education has decreed, are secondary.

The German university has changed and. The first two years of study are limited almost entirely to the politics, ethics, and economics of National Socialism, eugenics, genetics, racial hygiene and biology. Heidelberg and Göttingen list such courses as "Christianity and National Socialism" and "The Indo-Germanic Language as an Expression of Pre-Aryan Nationality."

"No scholarly work is possible now," a German professor—formerly a fanatic Nazi—told me recently, "except on such subjects as the 'Origin of German Greatness.' Everything else is made impossible by

snooping students who want to show that they are 500 per cent. Nazis and report every sensible piece of work to the Gestapo as high treason."

The technical schools have a different complaint. Calculus remains calculus, and chemical reactions are unchanged by politics. But the students are incompetent.

"I don't know what to do with them," an eminent research chemist told me. "They have no initiative, no imagination at all. They can't concentrate; they have no patience with detail. Whether it's all the marching they have to do, or all the political bunkum they learn, I don't know. But we have had to lower our examination standards repeatedly. Out of a class of thirty advanced students I have only five who aren't nitwits. And all my colleagues say the same—privately, of course."

Big industrial concerns, alarmed by the dearth of competent young engineers, and the General Staff, worried by the lack of officer material for the technical branches, have repeatedly brought the situation to Hitler's personal attention.

His only answer so far has been "Soldiers are more important than intellectuals."

MOST of the party members go directly from their military training into the armed forces or lucrative Government positions. But between the ages of twenty-five and thirty a few may apply for admission to the National Socialist Order of Leaders. Only 1,000 boys are admitted every year. After examination, they are finally passed on by Hitler himself.

This is the stated object of their four-year course: "They must become our best soldiers; they must become fanatical preachers of the National Socialist gospel. And we demand of them unconditional obedience. That is the greatest test."

The four medieval castles of the order in the four corners of Germany are a cross between a barracks and a country club. Here the Junker—as he is now called—is given the final polish.

Marching and drilling continue as usual. The "ideological education," with training in administration and propaganda, reaches its final stages. There are "tests of courage" by parachute-jumping and physical combat. Besides, the Junker is taught social graces.

Professors who have lectured in the castles report it a strange experience. One said to me:

"They are dulled, those boys. The soul has gone out of them and the capacity to understand human emotion. They drill beautifully; they are magnificent specimens of manhood; they know their National Socialism by heart."

"But every shred of imagination, of creative ability—for good, that is—has been torn out of them by the roots."

"They will never perpetuate a thousand-year Reich. But I am frightened even of the one generation which they will lead."

Frederic
Sondern, Jr.

You Can't Keep An Old Sea Dog Down

Amazing Experiences Of Veteran Capt.

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The term "old sea dog," beloved by novelists and writers of the sea, seems to find its personification in Captain George Simpson who just won't let any war be terribly him. During the last war he had ships sink under him twice. He was in command of a ship at the outbreak of this war and within a month the ship was sunk by Nazi planes. Last month the ship was again sunk and over a week ago it was machine-gunned. Finally the ship sank after an explosion in the North Sea last Saturday. Captain Simpson is still alive and healthy. He is reported to be looking for another ship.

RIBBENTROP AND ILL DUCE DISCUSS AXIS AGREEMENT

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evening after Herr von Ribbentrop's second talk with Mussolini, in which Herr von Mackensen as well as Count Ciano were present, says that the talk, which was cordial, lasted an hour and a half.

The communiqué adds: "The talk was concerned with the international situation and was conducted in the spirit and framework of the pact of alliance and agreements existing between Italy and Germany."

Peace Plan For Welles

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The newspaper, "BT," reports from Budapest that Herr von Ribbentrop, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano are working on a peace plan which will be handed to Mr. Sumner Welles when he calls at Rome en route to America.

The source of the report is described as Hungarian political circles in close contact with Count Ciano.

Italy To Stand Pat

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Rome radio announcer, in the English bulletin, stated that no sudden change is likely to be made in the attitude of the Italian Government as the result of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit. The announcer added that Italy's attitude was clearly defined by Count Ciano in a speech on December 16.

The importance of the visit lay in the fact that the problems of present-day Europe were carefully re-examined and fully probed.

The trend of German-Italian relations and obligations remained unchanged.

Ribbentrop Felt Unwell

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is reported that after his audience with the Pope, Herr von Ribbentrop felt indisposed and was obliged to sit down for a short time, according to a "Havas" dispatch from the Vatican City.

Envoy's Suite Leaves

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—All Herr von Ribbentrop's suite, except Dr. Krieger, have left with him. Dr. Claudius is remaining in Rome.

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cludes similar action to the appeal of Sr. Camillo Buenacina who was also convicted on the same charges. Thus, insular circles believe that Buenacina's sole recourse is for Executive pardon, although legal authorities point out that he could naturally appeal in his own name.

It is noted that neither Mr. Frank Murphy nor Mr. William Douglas, Associate Justices, participated in the decision.

Although it is not officially explained, some sources believe that it was due to Mr. Douglas' prior connection with the Security and Exchange Corporation and Mr. Murphy's former connection with the Philip-pines.

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says no British warships are there, but they have possibly arrived at Kola Fjord. However, there is no confirmation of the latter report.

Finnish Aircraft Active

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An air communiqué says that Finnish aircraft continued reconnaissance and also bombed several times enemy detachments of troop concentrations on roads and ice in Viborg Bay.

They also attacked columns of Russian troops and artillery.

Russian planes bombed several towns.

It is confirmed that eight Russian planes were shot down.

Loss Of Island Admitted

The communiqué admits that north-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russians have captured a small island in the archipelago of Pitkanen.

It is claimed that 2,000 Russians were killed at Kollanajoki, where fighting continues.

Bitter Radio Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Even while peace talks are going on, the Soviet radio is filling the air with abuse against the Finns. Its bitterest attacks have been against the Soviet's guest, M. Kytli, leader of the Finnish delegation.

Moscow newspapers give little mention to the talks. Instead they are filling their columns with celebrations of Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister's 50th birthday.

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mands for complete cession of the Petsamo area, permitting Finland to retain its common frontier with Norway and its Arctic port;

5.—Revision of territorial demands on the eastern frontier. In return for Finnish territorial concessions north of Lake Ladoga, Russia will cede portion of Soviet Karelia to Finland. Sortavalla will remain in Finnish hands.

6.—The puppet Government which was set up in December will be disbanded.

7.—Finland's future independence and integrity to be guaranteed.

Strict Censorship

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Reports in diplomatic circles suggest that the terms of any settlement are likely to differ somewhat from those originally reported.

A very strict censorship is now being imposed in Finland and no word of the rumoured peace negotiations has been allowed to leak out.

Swedish Denial

A denial that Sweden has given any advice to Finland has been given to Reuters by M. Guenther, the Swedish Foreign Minister.

He said, "We have not had the slightest contact with Germany from the beginning to the end of these negotiations. We have done nothing to advise the Finnish Government one way or another."

Asked whether there was a possibility of a Swedish guarantee for Finland if peace was concluded, M. Guenther said that the question had not yet been raised.

Referring to Anglo-Swedish relations, he said, "I hope they will remain as cordial as they have been and as they still are."

Sweden Surprised

M. Guenther said that Sweden was very surprised at the way her policy was misunderstood and misrepresented abroad.

"Our constant aim has been to do what is best simultaneously for Finland and Sweden. Circumstances have made clear that the best way to help Finland is for ourselves to remain neutral, but to do all we can in supplying the necessary materials and volunteers."

Replying to a question whether there was a possibility of Sweden considering curtailing the exports of iron ore to the belligerents in order to safeguard her neutrality, M. Guenther replied, "It seems that would have a contrary effect. Our safeguard is to continue normal trade with all parties."

Three Delicate Issues

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—According to reports persisting in political circles here, the most delicate subjects facing the negotiators in Moscow are

(1) the railway north-east from Viborg to the Soviet frontier;

(2) Finland's future political and military regime;

(3) the status of Hangoe.

The newspaper, "Helsingin Sanomat," which generally expresses the views of Government circles, says: "In the face of the Finnish-Soviet conflict, the Western Powers must decide their attitude. They must understand the necessity of making a decision in view of the possible new orientation of the theatre of war."

Britain Rejects Soviet Demarche

LONDON, March 11 (Dome).—It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador at London on February 22 approached the British Government with a proposal for British mediation in the Soviet-Finnish dispute. The Soviet demarche has been rejected on the grounds that the Soviet terms for peace were too harsh.

Soviets' Final Offer

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—According to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Stefani" news agency, the Finnish delegation has left Moscow for Helsinki.

It is understood that the Soviet made a final offer which must be accepted or rejected within a given time.

More British Navy Casualties

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Admiralty has issued a list of casualties arising "from various hazards of the service and not related to any particular ship or action."

They include 12 officers killed, one dead of wounds, two died, three wounded; 30 ratings killed, five died of wounds, seven missing, believed killed, and 14 wounded.

Nazi Seamen In San Domingo

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Forty-seven seamen from the steamer Hannover have arrived in San Domingo according to a radio from New York.

The Captain stated that 55 of the crew were probably captured by a British warship.

Sharp Fighting On Western Front

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué says that there were sharp local encounters in the south-east of Nied River.

There was artillery firing in the region of Vosges.

There was activity by the air forces.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2.25/32
Demand do	1/2.25/32
T.T. Shanghai	50
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	47 1/2
T.T. Batavia	44 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	105 1/2
T.T. Saigon	102
T.T. France	100 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	104 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3.3/32
4 m/s D/P do	1/3.7/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	11.37
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.80

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,500 s.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£ 93 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£ 92 1/2 n.
Chartered	92 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	12 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	77 1/2 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	227 1/2 b.
Union	487 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases	120 b.
Steamboats	10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Reuters)	70 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	103 n.
Docks	23 s.
Providence	39 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	39 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	18 1/2 n.
Raubas	10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts.

LANDS

Hotels	5.60 n.
Lands	38 1/2 b. & s.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh. S.	15.20 n.
Humphreys	7 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	5 n.
Chinese Estates	105 n.

UTILITIES

Trans S.	18 b. & s.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.03 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	27 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	8.48 n.
China Lights (new)	5.55 n.
H.K. Electric	0.70 n.
Macao Electric	1.11 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	1.11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	20 n.
Telephones (new)	11 1/2 n.
Traction s/-	C.D. 21/0 n.
Traction (Pref.) s/-	23/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$14.90 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$12 n.
Canton Tees	1 n.
Cement s.	10 1/2 b.
H.K. Ropes	5.00 b. & s.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old)	22 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	22 n.
Watsons	9.60 n.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	43 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	170 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	65 n.
Wing On Textiles	Sh. \$48 1/2 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments	7.40 n.
Constructions (old)	1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	84 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	51 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	95 1/2 n.
Marsmann (Lon.)	14 1/2 n.
Marsmanns (H.K.)	4 1/2 n.

Ribbentrop In Rome

Clear Desire For Italian Co-operation

Vatican City, Mar. 11. The Vatican has issued a communiqué revealing that the German Foreign Minister's audience with the Pope was arranged by the German Ambassador to the Holy See upon Herr Ribbentrop's own request.

This is considered very significant by Vatican observers and by most quarters, who believe it indicates that Ribbentrop is bringing the Pope some kind of proposal which the Reich Government hopes will better relations between Germany and the Holy See.

It has been pointed out that the Germans a few weeks ago privately protested through the German Ambassador regarding the Vatican broadcast about the German mistreatment of Catholic clergy in Poland. It seems obvious that Germany is anxious not to have such broadcasts made because they are extremely bad propaganda for Germany and that she is willing to make some sort of concessions if they are not made.

The German Foreign Minister has plenty of bargaining points. Firstly, the possibility of relaxing restrictions on German Catholics; secondly, the treatment of Polish Catholics; and thirdly, the disposition of Church property in Poland. (United Press.)

Sees Duce Again

Rome, Mar. 11. Herr von Ribbentrop was received by Mussolini again to-day. The German Foreign Minister will leave Rome to-night en route to Berlin.

It is understood that during the second interview Mussolini and von Ribbentrop discussed the Soviet attitude toward Northern, Central and Eastern Europe and the British and French war plans in the Near East from the military, political and economic standpoints.

Informed quarters understand that as the result of the visit, basic principles regulating the economic relations between Germany and Italy will be decided upon along the following lines:

1.—Italy's positive co-operation in the economic campaign in the Balkans and the Black Sea.

2.—Overland transportation of German coal to Italy.

3.—Increase in the export of Italian labour to Germany.

4.—Other measures to promote the economic co-operation between Italy and Germany.

If both sides consider it necessary, it is further understood, the existing political and military alliance between Germany and Italy will be revised so as to comprise economic clauses. When basic principles are reached, expert commissions will be appointed by the two Governments to draft a technical agreement regulating all existing economic arrangements between the two countries.

Some circles suggest that to continue technical arrangements, Dr. Coudius, German economic expert, now accompanying Herr von Ribbentrop, will probably remain in Rome after the German Foreign Minister's return home. (Dome.)

Spends Busy Morning

Rome, Mar. 11. Ribbentrop had a busy morning. At 9 a.m. he was received by the King and remained for three quarters of an hour. Just before 11 a.m. he was received with traditional ceremony at the Vatican City and presented to the Pope with whom he had a 26-minute conversation.

The Press has little to say about the visit which is described as routine business. (Reuter Bulletin.)

ANGLO-ITALIAN TRADE TALKS

Resumption Possible

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Mar. 11 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Chamberlain said that settlement of the Anglo-Italian dispute over the Italian imports of German coal makes the resumption of commercial negotiations between the two countries possible.

He also told questioners that whether Britain will in future supply Italy with more coal than in the past "will no doubt be a subject for further discussion."

BELGIUM BUYS AIRCRAFT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Mar. 11 (UP).—It has been announced that the Belgian Ministry of Defence has ordered the purchase of aircraft from Britain and Italy, as well as the United States.

The numbers and other details of the purchases have not been revealed.

B.W.O.F. ACTIVITIES

The financial results of recent events arranged by the Entertainment Committee of the British War Organisation Fund have now been received. The Tennis Tournament held at the Hongkong Cricket Club on February 18 and the Leap Year Ball held at the Gloucester Hotel on the February 20, produced \$1,200.

The Kowloon Dock Centre held a Bazaar and Mahjong Drive on March 8 in aid of the above fund, and the sum of \$500 is being sent to the Honorary Treasurer. In the evening a dance was held.

A variety concert in aid of the fund will take place at the Kowloon Cricket Club on March 13 at 8 p.m. As already announced, H.E. The Governor and Lady Northcote will be present, and tickets (price \$2 and \$1) may be obtained either from the Kowloon Cricket Club, or the U.S.R.C.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES. Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS. Haiphong Mar. 12. Japan and Shanghai Mar. 12. Shanghai Mar. 12. Straits Mar. 12. Straits and Palembang Mar. 12. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th March Mar. 13.

Europe in Suez and Straits (London date, 25th January) Mar. 13. Java and Manila Mar. 13. Manila Mar. 13. Shanghai Mar. 13. Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 13. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March Mar. 14.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 7th March Mar. 14. Canton Mar. 14. Shanghai Mar. 14. Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 14. Shanghai and Amoy (San Francisco date, 14th February) Mar. 14.

Shanghai Mar. 15. Straits Mar. 15. U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 17th Feb.) Mar. 15. Japan and Shanghai Mar. 16. Manila Mar. 16. U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th February) Mar. 16.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March Mar. 17. Canton Mar. 17. Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 17. Haiphong Mar. 18. Japan Mar. 18. Japan and Shanghai Mar. 19.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Mar. 12. Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London, 20th March.

K.P.O. Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 12, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 12, 7 p.m. Air Mail for Malaysia, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 18th March.

K.P.O. Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 12, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 12, 7 p.m. Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco 4th April.

G. F. O. and K. P. O. Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m. Straits and Calcutta Mar. 12, 5 p.m. Parcels Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m. Wednesday, Mar. 13.

Japan 10.30 a.m. Fort Bayard and Hoihow 1.30 p.m. Amoy 2.30 p.m. Shanghai 2.30 p.m. Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi 5th April.

G. F. O. and K. P. O. Reg. Mar. 13, 2.45 p.m. Ord. Mar. 13, 3.30 p.m. Air Mail for India, China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 21st March.

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

INTEREST HAS APPARENTLY WANED

Slight Enthusiasm At Sookunpoo:

Hongkong C.C. Trounce Craigengower C.C.

THE fact that the K.C.C. were already sure of the Shield seems to have taken a lot of interest out of their game with the I.R.C. at Sookunpoo though it should not have done as a good stout game between two evenly matched sides should be enough for anyone. As it was I am told that there was a lot of slovenly fielding and several catches were put down.

K.C.C. batted first and opened with F. J. Lay and D. Hung. The latter did not stay long but Lay put together 27 before he grew impatient and lifted one from Minu to A. M. Rumjahn in the country.

Then came a long stand between E. F. Fincher and T. A. Madar and Minu found himself in a difficulty as his two change bowlers were crooked so far as bowling went. A. M. Rumjahn having a damaged finger and Arculli a strained knee. He tried Kitchell, Nozarin, Baker and M. P. Madar when he and A. H. Madar had gone off and Baker (3 for 33) was easily the most successful. T. A. Madar got 53 but he was dropped more than once. Anderson made 38 and Robbie Lee 20. Teddy Fincher put himself down last and declared with the score at 189 for 9 wickets.

A FAIR DRAW

It has been suggested that the I.R.C. nearly won the match but when I discussed the point with a member of the Indians' side he said quite definitely that he never thought they had a chance for it as at the close they still wanted thirty runs with four wickets to go. Kowloon were rather up against it as Lloyd was not playing and Hobble Lee had an off day. A. H. Rumjahn made 47, Kitchell 33, Y. C. Arculli 23, M. P. Madar 22 not out and S. A. Ismail 24 not out. Anderson bowled five overs for five runs and one wicket and perhaps might have been used a little more.

The Club Win

THE H.K.C.C. were at home to Craigengower and turned out a pretty strong side with three C.S.C.C. men and two from the Army. Holmes, a slow left-hand bowler who flirts the ball a bit, did very well at the start and Hulse (28), A. K. Ismail (19) and Billmorla 17 not out alone did anything. McClellan going out late had three for six in three overs and John Pearce took two for seven.

When the Club came to bat Groom showed one more that he has come back to form and hit up 59. It is very fortunate as the Foresters batting wickets stiffening for the Easter Match against the Club. Richardson, as he was not playing for the C.S., promptly hit 42—a partnership of 65 for the first wicket—and Perry—same idiom—had 25 runs. The Club won easily.

Second Division

THERE was no other Senior Cricket but in the second division various things happened. The R.A.F., a very keen side, crushed C.C.C. second eleven's hopes by putting them out for eighty seven and then making 123. They rely very largely on Nancarrow who made 42 and took three wickets for 17 runs. Gillespie's figures of 11-5-24-5 were excellent. Cook helped with 26 putting on 55 runs with Nancarrow.

MacLeod's Century

THE Civil Service had some difficulty in raising a team and the Army second were very rough with a weak bowling side. MacLeod had a not out century but the score of 206 was quite unnecessary and they failed to get the C.S. out, thanks largely to Stone, Crawley and MacGowan.

Shield

NEITHER of the probable Shield winners was engaged, while K.C.C. second concluded a surprisingly disappointing season by getting beaten by the Police who have a surprising knack of coming out strong on occasions. Pope got 40 and Loughlin 20 while S. A. Gray was unfortunately run out when he was one short of his half-century, for Kowloon.

ROUND WORLD CYCLIST IN HONGKONG

He Found The World Still Uncivilised

A CYCLIST who has just completed a tour around the world and says, unlike others, he met with no adventure, has arrived in the Colony. He is Mr. Ram Nath Biswas, a Hindu, and he is on his way back to Singapore, from where he started on his tour on a push-bike in July, 1931.

Mr. Biswas covered practically every country in his travels, and said that the only experience he gained was that he found the world still uncivilised.

Badminton Match Postponed

Owing to the indisposition of K. L. Yong, the men's doubles badminton championship match between Yong and H. F. Chew and H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, scheduled for to-night, has been postponed until Friday. The match will be played at Talkoo at 9 p.m.

Rugby Football

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT Holders Fortunate To Beat Small Units: Bank Wins Easily

(By "Fly-half")

A LARGE CROWD, a record for Monday night sevens, witnessed interesting games on the Club ground yesterday when the first matches in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament were played. A sum of roughly, \$60 was taken, and Wednesday will probably bring out a larger crowd as the strong Club and R. E. Sevens will be on view.

The results were:
Police "A" 8
5th A.A. 0
Civil Service 6
Police "B" 0
H.K. Bank 19

Police "A" did not impress in their game with Small Units, and have to thank Taylor for his penalty kick which gave them victory. Although getting the ball in the scrums and lineouts, the Police backs did little with it. Fay and Wilson were too easily suppressed or forced to kick to touch. Wall was an active scrum-half. Cullinan and Innes did well in the forward play.

Combes was nippy for the Small Units, and gave MacDonald opportunities to show his speed. Crawford was a foraging forward, with Morgan doing well at the base of the scrums.

5th A.A. 6 R. Scots "B" 0

The 5th A.A. came away with a rush near the end to score two tries by Banner and Giblin. This seven, which are expected to do well, was not at their best. The spirited play of the Scots, for whom Ridsdale, Patterson and Fairley were prominent, kept the 5th A.A. out, and indeed, might have scored if they had passed more instead of each man going out until he was brought down in possession.

Civil Service 6 Club "B" 0

The Civil Service brought Geo. Fowler and C. G. Tressider in place of Hynes and Burford

F. A. To Hold Wartime Cup Competition

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The English Football League Management Committee have decided to hold a wartime Cup competition to begin with a preliminary round of matches on April 13. Thereafter, the first two rounds will be played on a home and away basis, the scoring of the most goals being the winners. The tournament will then resolve itself into a knockout competition.

The first round will be played on April 20 and 27; the second on May 4 and 11; the third on May 18; the fourth on May 25; the semi-finals on June 1 and the final on June 8.

The draw for the preliminary round is as follows:

South "A"—Southend v. Queen's P. R.; Brighton v. Clapton O.; Northampton v. Watford; Mansfield v. Notts C.
South "B"—Bristol R. v. Aldershot; Cardiff v. Reading; Bournemouth v. Bristol C.; Port Vale v. Walsall; Swindon v. Torquay.
North "A"—Southport v. Oldham; New Brighton v. Crewe; Rochdale v. Accrington; Barrow v. Carlisle; Wrexham v. Stockport.
North "B"—York v. Bradford C.; Hartlepool v. Halifax; Darlington v. Gateshead; Hull v. Lincoln; Doncaster v. Rotherham.

Third Round Draw For Scottish Cup

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The third round of the Scottish Cup will be played on March 23, and the draw is as follows:
Airdrie v. Hearts; Morton v. Motherwell v. Clyde; St. Mirren v. Falkirk or Glasgow Rangers; Dundee U. v. Kilmarnock.

Tournament Tennis

O. UMETANI DEFEATS HUSSAIN 9-7, 6-2,

Neat Display Of Stroke Precision

(By "Tinker")

O. UMETANI, the only Japanese entrant in the Colony Open tennis tournament, entered the second round of the singles yesterday when he beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2. Much interest was evinced in the match, and the Japanese, who is a ranking hard courts player in Japan, was not disappointing.

The ground was extremely slippery, and neither player was at full tase in his endeavours for angled cross-court shots. Umetani, of much lighter build than his Indian opponent, had an advantage in his light agility. His greatest advantage, however, was in his stroke production.

His neat and precise forehand and backhand shots gained much admiration, and despite the score of the first set it is not wrong to state that he was a far better player than Hussain. The latter, however, has shown an enormous improvement in play, and in the first set was leading 5-0. The Japanese opened out with flashing cross-court shots, and excellent passing drives down the sidelines, and fought his way to level terms. His early lapse was probably due to nervousness.

Umetani, if anything in the opening set was inclined to be indecisive, and dropped his shots mid-court nearly every time. Hussain varied his length and pace with very fine control, and on more than one occasion had his opponent running from one side of the court to the other. At this stage, too, he was

particularly successful with short drop shots.

PLEASING ACCURACY

BOTH were showing a pleasing accuracy, and one of the most noticeable features of the game was the number of points won by outright winners, rather than on mistakes.

On a dry firm court, Umetani should be a player well worth watching. Even on yesterday's ground, while sliding around, his stroke execution was crisp and firm, and there was never anything indecisive about his volleying. In the second set, he took firm command, and never let up.

Yesterday's scores were:

OPEN SINGLES

O. Umetani beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2.
Marsland Ma beat A. R. Kitchell 11-9, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

J. S. Theobald beat V. R. Gordon 11-9, 3-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell beat C. C. Stark and C. M. Stark 6-4, 6-1.
A. Lade and G. W. Sewell beat M. Pugh and E. Zulauf 8-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES

L. M. Lloyd beat H. D. Bidwell 8-6, 9-7.

To-day's Matches

Matches for to-day are:

OPEN SINGLES

J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U.

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould.
J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and Bick Szeto.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

D. M. MacDougall v. P. W. Blyth.
G. W. Sewell v. A. T. Dow.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert v. J. R. M. Smith and D. J. S. Crozier.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley v. H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews.

Golf

ADAMSON CUP COMPETITION

First Round Matches

The following is the draw for the first round of the Adamson Cup Competition:

Bye, S. T. Bullin (12); G. E. Willetton (12) v. E. Ebbage (18); T. J. Price (9) v. P. Buckle (13); A. J. MacFayden (11) v. G. W. Reeve (15); D. Humphreys (7) v. Hugh Smith (9); G. Davies (10) v. J. Forbes (9); D. S. Edwards (13) v. E. Tuck (14); bye, W. W. C. Shewan (7).
The first round is to be played on or before March 24; the second round, April 1; semi-final, April 21; and final, April 23. Players are asked not to leave matches till the last available date. The first in each bracket is the challenger, and the winner should enter the result. T. J. Price qualified for the competition with a score of 77-9-58.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

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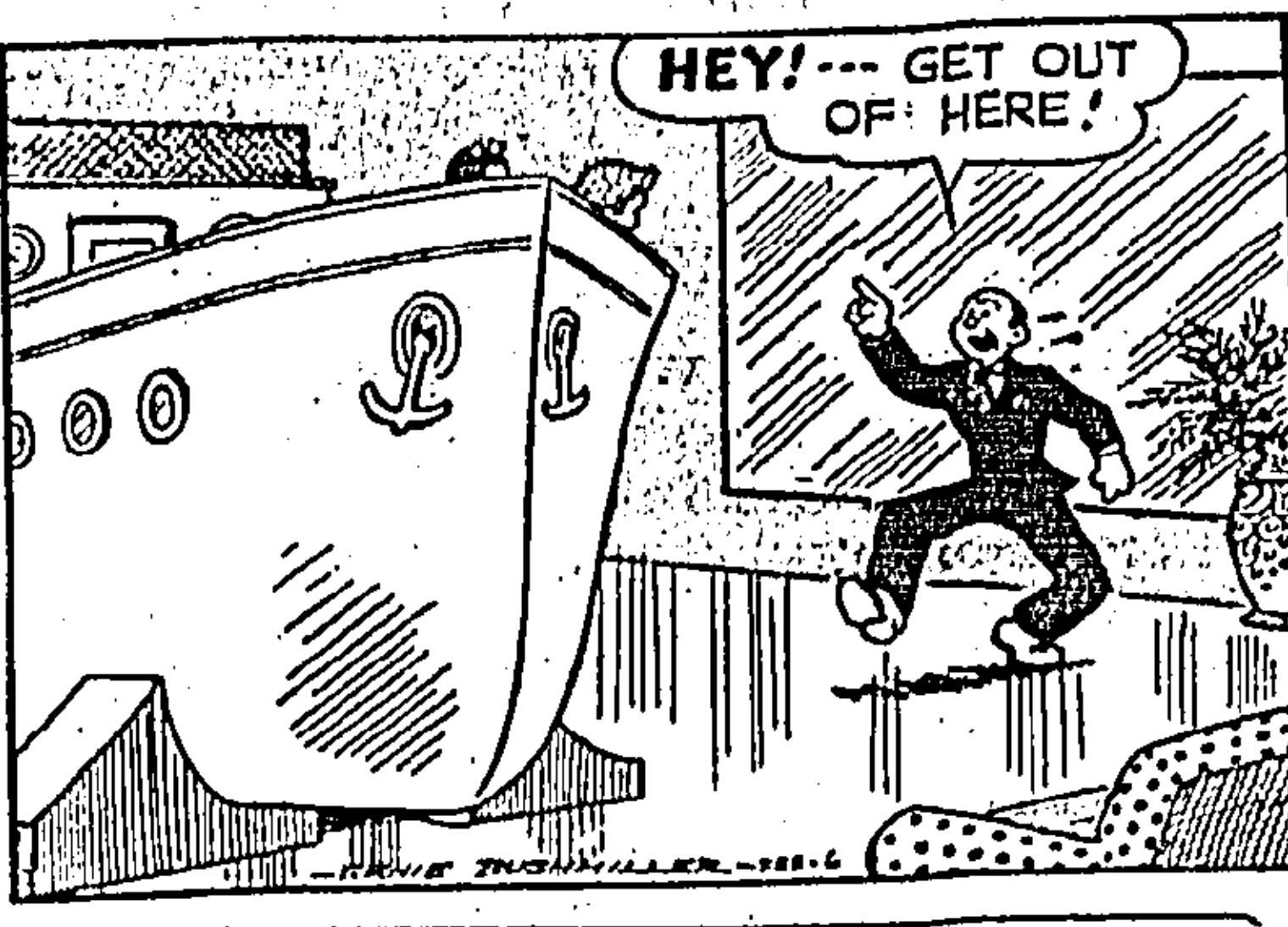
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FIFTEEN THOUSAND feet up, somewhere between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, British fighter pilot met a 27-year-old German Heinkel bomber.

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The emblem was cut away and to-day it hangs as a trophy on the wall of an R.A.F. office in France.

There is terrible zeal among R.A.F. fighter pilots to bag the next of the Nazi "Umbrella Squadron."

NEW YORK.

SIR CHARLES BROOKE, white Rajah of Sarawak, may be succeeded by his eldest daughter, the twenty-eight-year-old Countess of Inchcape, who would be the first woman to rule the State's 440,000 natives. He has deposed his nephew, Mr. Anthony Brooke, from the position of Crown Prince which he has held since March last year.

BUCAREST.

issue an official denial in Berlin. When the Germans are proved later to have been correct in their denial, they can accuse the Allies of "manufacturing lying propaganda."

mouth, where he introduced her to his parents but they did not appear to like her. They had arranged to be married and had settled upon a house at that time. I wanted him to stop it, but he did not want the Revelstoke business and other things dragged up again. In his evidence Dr. McPherson denied that he assaulted Miss Daw.

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But her father added later: "We were rushed into a decision we did not approve."

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Meat rationing started to-day throughout Great Britain but as most of the people were finishing off the Sunday joint butchers are still waiting to see how the public will make use of their coupons.

Until they can judge the public reaction, the butchers are wondering if housewives will serve only unrationed meats and fish during the week thus saving the coupons for the week-end joint.

Meat can be purchased at restaurants without coupons and there has been an increased demand for such dishes in many catering establishments here to-day.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Sir Reginald Maxwell, Home member of the Governor-General's Executive Council, speaking at the Central Assembly, strongly repudiated the allegations made in the Patna resolution that Britain was carrying on the war for imperialistic ends.

Sir Reginald Maxwell declared that the statements of British Ministers had made clear that there was no foundation for the allegations.

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The official German news agency to-day issued a message from Moscow saying that according to a message from Kabul to the Tass Agency there were persistent rumours in India that a meeting of the Indian National Congress, which had been fixed for March 15, had been prohibited by the British authorities.

Reuters is informed by the Indian Office here that this is untrue.

MELBOURNE, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Railway services are being drastically cut here. The suburban electric train service has been halved and cheap Sunday excursions have been discontinued as a result of a cost strike which began to-day. Heavier curtailments of the railway services after Easter have been forecast.

The Duchess of Kent tied with the Duchess of Windsor, for first place as the world's best-dressed woman.

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—In memory of his father, the late Mr. Andrew Mellon, the former American ambassador to London, Mr. Paul Mellon has sent a gift of £5,500 for the purchase of a fleet of ten motor ambulances to the Lord Mayor's London's Red Cross Fund. The Fund has now reached £1,100.

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Anglo-Norwegian trade agreement which was signed to-day enables British and Norwegian trade to continue as nearly normal as the war permits.

A joint standing commission is to be established which will meet in either London or Oslo to discuss the questions arising from the operation of the agreement.

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Asked how many German prisoners of war and captured merchant seamen were now in internment camps, the Under Secretary for the Home Office told in the House of Commons to-day that the figures given on March 8 were 257 combatant prisoners of war and 1,271 merchant seamen.

The German wireless broadcast further list of British submarine survivors captured by Germany. These are: Quartermaster Ernest J. Redden (Starfish), born Reading, 1908 (G-246550); Able Seaman F. G. Trebb (Udine), born Birmingham, 1901 (G-24124433); Engine-room Officer George H. Jagger (Starfish), born Manchester, 1912 (D-MX 46065).

FRESH details of Nazi oppression in Poland were given on the Vatican Radio, in a broadcast which was repeated in English. At Glinzno troops have been billeted in the seminary. Cracow cathedral has been converted into a dance-hall. Poles have been forbidden to pray at roadside shrines. Hundreds of priests have been arrested and sent to the worst concentration camps where they are given the lowest labour, others where they have to wash the latrines. Another Vatican broadcast declared that all religious teaching in professions, training schools in Germany had been abolished by decree, and denounced the step as a flagrant violation of the Reich Concordat.

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This Is What Happened To Unity Mitford

HER MEMORY GONE: BRAIN INJURY

WITH two bullet wounds in her head, and a brain injury caused by one of the bullets, Miss Unity Mitford lay seriously ill last night in a private ward at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, says the Paris Sour in an exclusive article last month.

Detectives are watching over her night and day. Only nurses and doctors see her. It is said that her memory has gone.

Her condition is so low that an operation which is urgently necessary cannot be attempted until some strength has been restored to her.

Foremost among the doctors watching over her is one of the world's most brilliant young brain specialists, forty-three-year-old Professor Hugh W. B. Cairns.

It was he who in 1932 led a team of five doctors in an all-day operation to remove a tumour from patient's brain, an operation described as one of the most astonishing in medical history.

It was he, too, who raced 100 miles by car to try to save Lawrence of Arabia after his fatal motor-cycle smash.

Doctors Amazed

He stands by now to make the only effort possible to save Miss Mitford from permanent brain injury and perhaps from death.

She is in such a condition that the doctors are amazed that she could have made her recent journey from Germany.

When she was transferred from the High Wycombe home of her father, Lord Redesdale, to the infirmary, the greatest secrecy was observed. No one except nurses specially allotted to her knew who she was.

Julius Sauerwein, the famous Foreign Editor of Paris Soir, now in London, wrote for the Sunday Express the following authentic account of what happened to Miss Mitford in Germany. It is the first full story told since she returned to England.

'Tormented'

"Miss Unity Mitford has almost entirely lost her memory. Sitting up in her bed, she rambles in her speech when her friends visit her. One gets glimpses of her tormented and ardent life from her incoherent remarks.

"Occasionally passages of one of Hitler's speeches, which she has heard so often and pondered over so much that they surge from the unconscious darkness of her mind, are quoted by her mechanically. At other times she becomes irritated and declares: 'You know, I am not on your side.'

"She does not put any defiance in these words. It is more of a warning—as if she were trying to tell her parents and the friends surrounding her with loving care: 'Take care. You do not know what I really am.'

"During the fatal days just before the war Unity would leave her small Munich flat and roam aimlessly in the streets. And once or twice a day she would go to the British Consulate to ask for advice. Always it was the same, as she well knew: 'Leave immediately.'

"The day the consul left himself she was completely abandoned. Hitler was not there, and had other worries. She knew through his friends that he was preparing the rape of Poland and convinced that England would not intervene.

"And for the credulous, blindly trusting girl Hitler could not be wrong. If he said there would be no war there would be no war.

Gestapo Warn

"War came. The consul left. Unity was lost between two worlds. Germany, once more menacing the civilised world, where she could remain without allies, certainly being treated as a spy and enemy. On the other hand, in England she might be accused of complicity with the Nazis.

"It was impossible for her to decide which course to take. The Gestapo warned her tactfully but clearly that she must make up her mind either to go immediately or to stay for the whole war and renounce England for ever.

"How she must have thought. If only HE had been there to advise her or make one of those speeches lasting an hour of which Unity used to say: 'He speaks to me as if I were a public meeting.'

"I remember one evening in the tube in London as we were going to a Fascist meeting in the East End. Unity showed me on her leather belt an engraved date and the name of Adolf Hitler. She had the look on her face of a nun exhibiting a relic.

Arrested

"Another time at Vienna. Hitler had just made a solemn entrance in the Ring greeted by the vociferous shoutings of his partisans. Unity was in the hall of the Grand Hotel opposite the Imperial Hotel where Hitler had just made a speech. 'Poor dear,' she said, tenderly. 'I must go and comfort him, he must be worn out.'

"Forcing her way through the crowd she crossed to his hotel, to return only two hours later, having waited all that time to exchange two words with her hero.

"A few months later, in Prague, I saw her exhibiting her swastika, and told her she was asking for trouble. 'That's what I want,' she said. 'If it worries you, don't come with me.' I didn't.

"Three days later the inevitable happened. She was arrested and searched. But she had suffered for her god and gloried in martyrdom.

"When I met her later at the

"Traitor Of Stuttgart"

THE French Jam Stuttgart radio station. Why? Because they hate to hear the voice of Paul Ferdinand. Frenchman turned traitor. They want to kill his Nazi propaganda broadcasts in French.

Every night Ferdinand, a former French Government employee, says that England is the common enemy of France and Germany.

The suggestion is laughable to French people. But they do not laugh at Paul Ferdinand. He is always referred to as 'The Traitor of Stuttgart.'

That is because the French know that before the war he was in touch with the Nazis.

Selected from his Government post for misconduct, he developed an enthusiasm for the Nazi regime. He was always talking about Hitler. Then he left France.

His former wife, who lives near Paris, says that he used to practise speeches for hours in front of a mirror. Ferdinand is a plausible speaker, and used to enjoy addressing public meetings. Once he stood as a candidate at a local election. But he hated questions. Once, when threatened after a meeting, he ran off.

His wife, who divorced him, also says, 'He was always an extremist.'

Paul Ferdinand has relatives in Paris, but they have never listened to his broadcasts. When his old mother learned that he was broadcasting for the enemy she became ill and had to be cared for by nuns.

Soon after the war began the military authorities in Paris decided to indict Ferdinand for high treason. He was condemned to death.

So he knows what awaits him if ever he tries to go home.

LATE NEWS

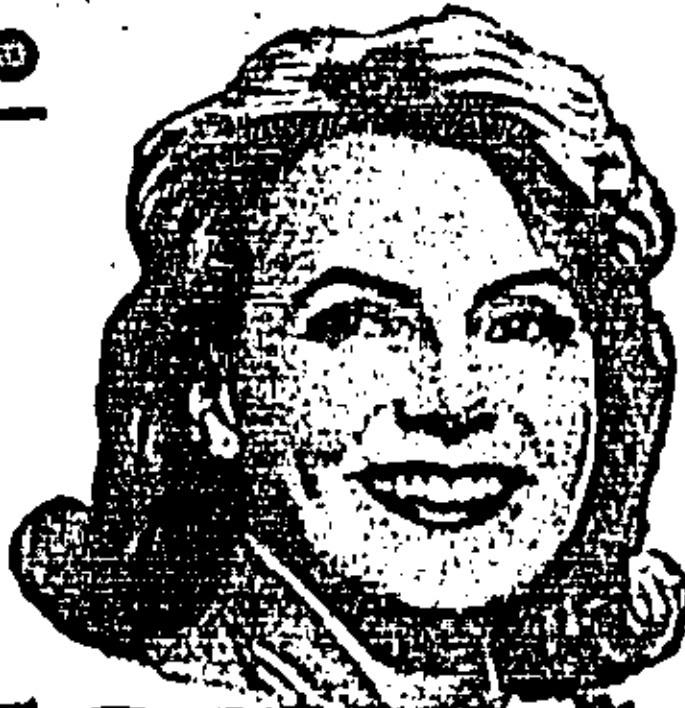
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Soviet Reported To Have Modified Demands

NEXT 24 HOURS WILL DECIDE IF HOSTILITIES ARE TO CONTINUE

(Special to the "Telegraph")

REDS IN VIBORG

Reds Claim City Has
Been Entered

MOSCOW, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—An official Red Army communique claims that the Soviet forces have completely surrounded Viborg.

The communique claims that the eastern and northern parts of the city are now in the possession of the Red Army.

The Red forces are now advancing along the eastern shore of the Bay of Viborg, the communique adds.

Intensity Efforts

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Helsingfors correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" states that the Russians now stand in a semi-circle round Viborg.

Their attacks, following each other, are undiminished in intensity.

It would seem that they are straining every effort to obtain possession of the town in time to effect discussions.

Hitherto no Russian soldier has succeeded in getting foot in the town, though they were at one time reported to be in one of the far suburbs.

Attacks Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—To-day's communique states that the Russians continued their attacks on the shore of Viborg Bay and at Vuoksen.

Many local attacks were repulsed and six tanks were destroyed.

Finnish Airman Score

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—French planes scored their 30th victory in air battles over Finland on Sunday, according to information reaching well-informed circles here.

The Finns have become quickly adept at flying the fighter machines from France which have now been operating for several days in Finland.

British Ships Not At Potsamo

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (UP).—A "United Press" report from Potsamo says no British warships are there, but they have possibly arrived at Kola Fjord. However, there is no confirmation of the latter report.

Finnish Aircraft Active

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An air communique says that Finnish aircraft continued reconnaissance and also bombed several times enemy detachments of troop concentrations on roads and ice in Viborg Bay.

They also attacked columns of Russian troops and artillery. Russian planes bombed several towns.

It is confirmed that eight Russian planes were shot down.

Loss Of Island Admitted

The communique admits that north-east of Lake Ladoga the Russians have captured a small island in the archipelago of Pitsananta.

It is claimed that 2,000 Russians were killed at Kollanajoki, where fighting continues.

Bitter Radio Attacks

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Even while peace talks are going on, the Soviet radio is filling the air with abuse against the Finns. Its bitterest attacks have been against the Soviet's guest, M. Rytli, leader of the Finnish delegation.

Moscow newspapers give little mention to the talks. Instead they are filling their columns with celebrations of Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar's 50th birthday.

PEACE OR WAR?

THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WILL DECIDE THIS MOMENTOUS QUESTION FOR FINLAND.

THE ENTIRE SCANDINAVIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT PEACE TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH FINLAND AND RUSSIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRAWN UP, AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MOMENTARILY EXPECTED FROM HELSINGFORS.

A "UNITED PRESS" DESPATCH FROM COPENHAGEN QUOTES THE INFLUENTIAL "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" AS CONFIRMING THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

Strict Censorship

The Finnish authorities have clamped a strict censorship on all outgoing messages, however, and no information regarding the rumoured peace terms are being allowed to leak out of the country.

One of the last messages to come from Helsingfors was a dramatic exclusive interview by trans-Atlantic telephone between the New York Bureau of "United Press" and M. Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister.

Double-Decker Buses Unlikely

Kowloon Scheme Still Being Considered

The "Telegraph" understands that despite lengthy deliberations, the Government has not yet reached a decision regarding the request of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company for permission to introduce double-decker buses.

The Bus Company's request had the support of the Kowloon Residents' Association which, in a letter to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on May 2, last year, expressed the opinion that if the double-deckers were found in other respects to be practical, their use would greatly ease the congestion from the points of views of passengers and other road users.

Main Problem

For almost a year the matter has been under discussion between the Government Departments concerned—the P.W.D., the Police and the Colonial Secretary. The main problem is stated to be whether the type 2 vehicle which it is proposed to put on the Kowloon roads will not prove too much of a burden on the road; in other words, whether the roads have been built strong enough to endure the constant strain of such heavy weights.

The "Telegraph" understands that a decision will soon be taken and that in all probability the scheme will be turned down until such time as the roads have been strengthened.

More Buses Soon

Meanwhile, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company will shortly be in a position to place additional vehicles in service for school children. Rolling stock for new buses ordered some months ago is now arriving and it was stated yesterday that extra buses would be placed on the roads according to the demand.

Tanner's Statement

M. Tanner informed "United Press" that the delegation in Moscow had not yet reached any agreement with the Russian negotiators.

All reports to the contrary, said M. Tanner, should be treated with the greatest reserve.

"Fighting continues on all fronts, and fighting will continue if our delegates do not obtain terms that are acceptable to Finland," he added.

BRITAIN'S OFFER

M. Tanner refused to comment on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement that Britain and France were prepared to give Finland all the aid within their power.

"Finland must await word from Russia before she can consider the offer of the Allies," he said.

M. Tanner pointed out that the Moscow Mission was not empowered to accept Russia's terms.

"They are empowered to reject any Russian proposal.

"But if they consider that the Moscow offer merits acceptance, they must first return with the terms to Helsingfors, where they will be considered by Cabinet and Parliament.

DECISION TO-DAY?

"There may be a decision by to-day" (Tuesday).

Meanwhile, newspapers throughout Scandinavia issue special editions in which the alleged Russian terms are bannered.

Almost every newspaper in Sweden, Norway and Denmark reports that terms have been reached in Moscow which will end hostilities.

It is reported that the Finnish Prime Minister has already left Moscow by air for Helsingfors. He is flying via Stockholm.

The Scandinavian Press reports that one of the clauses in the agreement which the Finnish Parliament will be asked to ratify is that Finland's future independence should be guaranteed by the Scandinavian countries.

The Copenhagen "Ekstra Bladet" and the "Berlingske Aftenavis" both report that the Russian terms are as follows:

1.—Moderation of Russia's original demands for territory in the Karelian Isthmus.

2.—New frontier to be approximately along the present fighting line from Tampere to the Gulf of Finland, leaving the Mannerheim Line intact and the western shores of Lake Ladoga in Finnish hands. Viborg will also remain in Finnish hands.

3.—Abandonment of Russia's claim for the Hangoe Peninsula, Finland, instead, to lease Finnish territory at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland to Soviet Russia for 25 to 30 years.

4.—Abandonment of Russian demands for territory in the Gulf of Finland.

ITALY & GERMANY

Important Agreement Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 12 (Domei).—Greater economic collaboration between Italy and Germany may result from the visit of von Ribbentrop, authoritative circles believe.

It is understood that a memorandum confirming the agreement between Ribbentrop and Signor Mussolini has been signed.

An extensive understanding regarding the international situation is thought to have been reached, and Signor Mussolini is stated to have approved definite measures for strengthening the Axis by economic collaboration with Germany.

Though the strictest secrecy is being maintained regarding the nature of the new agreement, informed quarters believe that it provides:

- 1.—Political support by Italy for Germany's trade drive in the Balkans;
- 2.—Increased exports from Italy to Germany;
- 3.—Increased supplies of Italian foodstuffs and munitions for Germany;
- 4.—Other measures for strengthening economic co-operation between the two countries;

Italy's Neutrality

BERLIN, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The first German comment on Herr von Ribbentrop's visit goes further than the official communique released in Rome on the talks between the Nazi Foreign Minister and Signor Mussolini.

The German comment appears in the "Volkische Zeitung," which, after referring to the cordiality of the talks, declares: "The future will be decided by the young nations."

The Rome talks concerned the future attitude of Germany and Italy towards the war remained unchanged was repeated twice.

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—For Svinhufvud, former regent of Finland, is reported to have left Berlin for Rome, where he will see Signor Mussolini.

GERMANS RELEASED IN HONGKONG



THIS IS THE first photograph published in Hongkong of the nine Germans who were released from internment here as a result of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations over the Asama Maru affair. The photograph was taken after the Germans returned to Tokyo. It is stated that arrangements have been made for their return to Germany via the trans-Siberian Railway.—Domei.

Finland Latest

FINAL DECISION WILL BE "PEACE," FINNS BELIEVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (UP).—An high official of the Finnish Foreign Office announced late last night that the situation created by the Russian peace demands was still being studied.

It appears obvious here that no decision has yet been reached by the Finnish Government.

But there is growing unofficial feeling that the final decision will be for peace.

Nobody in Helsingfors dares to be optimistic regarding the nature of the Russian demands.

Nevertheless, there is every indication that these demands are not as drastic as was at first reported.

In Copenhagen, the "Berlingske Aftenavis" publishes a report that the Russians have modified their demands for the cession of Hangoe, and now claim a lease of this valuable territory at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland only for the duration of the European War.

In return, Russia will withdraw her objections to the fortification of Finland of the strategic Anland Islands.

102 Days Of War By RALPH FORTE

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (UP).—As the news spread like wildfire through the capital that peace may be in the offing, the thoughts of tens of thousands in Helsingfors turn to the soldiers who are still fighting the invaders on the various fronts of Finland.

"Why the suddenness of these negotiations?" many Finns are asking themselves.

"Why are they being conducted in the enemy's capital?"

And finally: "What is the prize for all this?"

The only concrete known fact known by the public so far is that the Finnish Army to-day is far from vanquished.

The War is 102 days old to-day. Thousands of families are mourning their dead.

Behind the set faces of the Finns I have met since they learned of the negotiations in Moscow there is a silent message: "It is—Peace, yes. But Peace With Honour."

Plenipotentiaries Trusted

By EDWARD BEATTIE

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 12 (UP).—Fighting continued on Finland's scattered fronts to-day while Russian and Finnish statesmen in Moscow fought the all-important battle of terms for peace.

There are no indications, official or otherwise, of any change in the

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APPEALS REFUSED

Sequel To Philippine Mail Bond Case

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—The Supreme Court of the United States has refused to review the appeal made by William Bruckner and William Gillespie against their conviction of using the mails to defraud in the Philippine Railway bond case.

The petition charged that the Federal Prosecutor prejudiced the case by "parading" movie stars and chorus girls to the stand for "irrelevant" testimony.

"Of what relevancy to the issue were the endless inquiries by the Prosecutor as to the physical conditions of the petitioners or the judgment obtained against them, or the endless inquiries into the quantity or quality or types of food and drink they consumed?" the petition inquired.

Bucnamino's Position

Insular Department circles paid close attention to the decision. Legal experts believed it probably pre-

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LATEST

Japan To Renounce Extraterritorial Rights

TOKYO, Mar. 12 (UP).—The

Japanese Foreign Minister to-day told the Budget Committee that the Japanese Government is preparing to renounce Japan's extraterritorial rights in China as soon as possible under the Wang Ching-wei regime.

He said the step had long been approved but that it will not follow the establishment of the new "Central Government" immediately.

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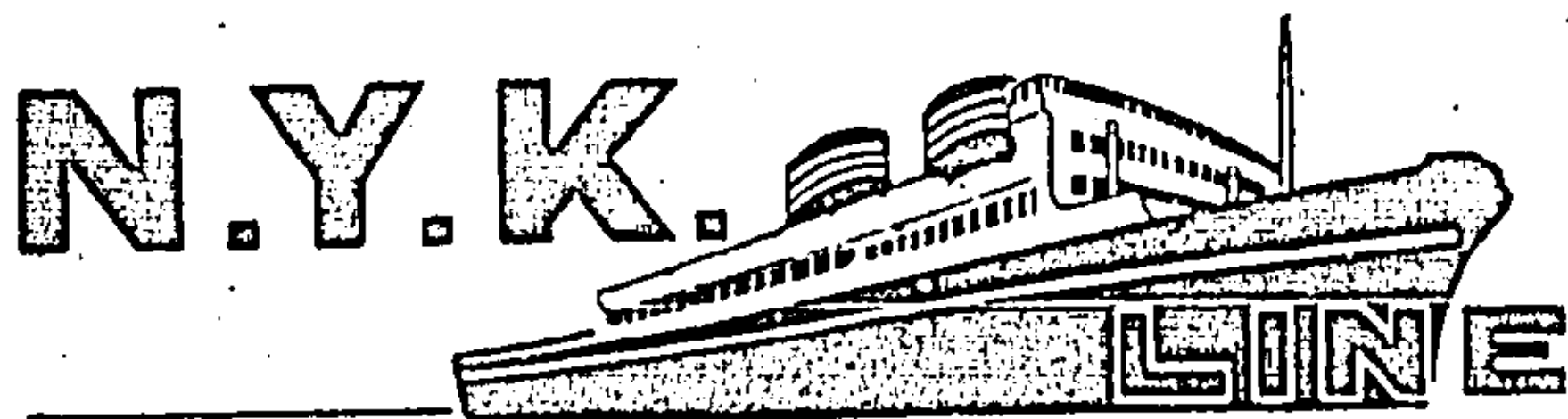
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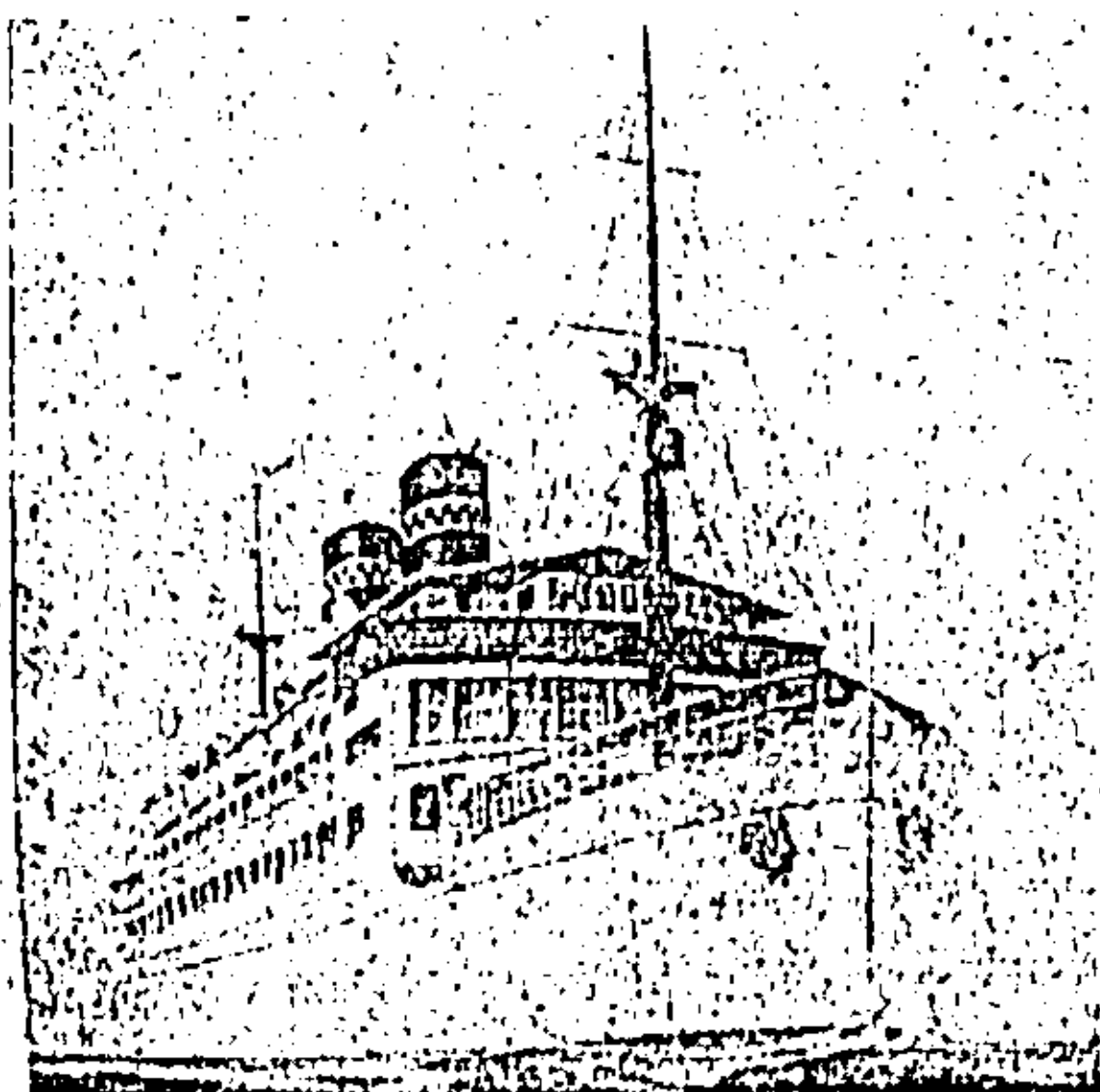
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BRITAIN'S DECISION

Full Aid For Finns
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 11 (UP).—The Allies have informed Finland that they are prepared to proceed immediately to aid the Finns with all their available resources, announced Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

This announcement is widely interpreted as a tacit admission that the Finnish war is practically over.

The Prime Minister said aid would be sent to Finland "in response to an appeal from Finland."

However, such an appeal has not come. Instead, the Finns are negotiating with Russia.

Some members of Parliament have interpreted the Premier's statement as meaning there is still a possibility of Allied help if the negotiations collapse.

Does It Mean War With Russia?

Mr. Chamberlain could not amplify the statement when he was asked whether the Government are proposing to send troops to Finland, or if they are preparing to violate the neutrality of Norway or Sweden.

"Isn't this tantamount to going to war with Russia?" asked Mr. Kirkwood, the Labour member.

"We haven't arrived at that yet," was the Premier's non-committal reply.

Mr. Chamberlain apparently clarified the Allied position with regard to aid for Finland in an effort to protect Anglo-French prestige and to offset predictions that a collapse of the war in Finland would greatly strengthen Germany's position by permitting Russia to increase supplies to the Reich.

Following his statement in the House to-day, a statement was issued from No. 10 Downing Street as follows:

Downing St. Statement
"As there appears to be a misunderstanding about the reply given by the Prime Minister to a private notice in the House of Commons on the subject of Allied aid to Finland, the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish Government."

In the House, Mr. Chamberlain answered Mr. Clement Attlee's question by saying that the House of Commons is aware that the British and French have sent, and are continuing to send, material assistance to Finland.

The Premier reiterated that the Allies are prepared to give further aid "with all the available resources at their disposal."

Not Asked To Mediate
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Replying to supplementary questions in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that it would be untrue to say that the British Government had been asked to mediate but there was an occasion on which Mr. Ivan Mursky, the Soviet Ambassador to London, had mentioned certain terms which the Russian Government was prepared to offer to Finland.

The British Government, said the Prime Minister, did not feel able to pay these terms to Finland.

Mr. Chamberlain told Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Labour Opposition Leader, that any aid sent to Finland would be "in accordance with our obligation under the League Covenant."

"As to co-operation with others," Mr. Chamberlain went on, "I have already mentioned that France is in association with ourselves. Of course I cannot say what other states might feel bound to do."

Mr. Kirkwood (Opposition Labour): "Is not this tantamount to our going to war with Russia?"

Mr. Chamberlain: "It has not gone as far as that yet."

Asked if the Government was prepared to send troops to Finland and if so, were they prepared to violate the neutrality of Norway in doing so, Mr. Chamberlain said that he could not add anything to the statement he had made.

Allies' Assurances
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister announced that the British and French Governments have already informed the Finnish Government that they are prepared, in response to an appeal from the Finns for further aid, to proceed immediately and jointly to help Finland.

The British and French Governments will use all available resources at their disposal.

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French political circles believe that the present week, with Finland's decision and the end of Mr. Sumner Welles' mission, may well prove one of the most decisive since the war started.



'Scottish' Whiskey Was Distilled in Hongkong

Last year several Europeans were cleverly hood-winked by bogus salesmen who went about selling whiskey and brandy purported to be from reputable firms and of the highest quality. In reality, the wines were nothing more than some form of adulterated spirits.

Covering the same subject, three cases of importance to the Hongkong community were heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Mr. R. Edwards.

In the first case, Poon Kwan-hang and Cho Yuk-sung were charged with possession of dutiable spirit, possession of duty paid labels and retailing whiskey and brandy without a licence.

The whiskey concerned purported to be White Horse and the brandy to be Hennessy's 3 Stars.

Defendants were alleged to have approached Mrs. M. Sullivan of 27 Robinson Road and Mrs. J. Pennell, wife of Sgt. Pennell of the Hongkong Police Force, to try and dispose of the bottles of wine.

Defendants were each sentenced to nine months' hard labour each.

In another case, Ng Kai was charged with (a) possession of dutiable spirit supposed to be of the White Horse brand, (b) possession of duty paid labels and (c) possession of duty paid labels which had been taken from bottles of duty paid spirit.

Ng was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

The third case involved Tsang Cheung who was charged with (a) possession of dutiable spirit, (b) possession of duty paid labels and (c) retailing without a licence. He was given nine months' hard labour.

Prosecuting, Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmett told Mr. Edwards that the Imports and Exports Department took a very serious view of these cases owing to the loss of duty involved and the irreparable loss to the proprietors of White Horse Whiskey and Hennessy Brandy, through people like defendants offering for sale adulterated spirit in bottles labelled White Horse and Hennessy.

The Magistrate agreed with Mr. Grimmett that it was a very serious offence.

Nazis Warn Neutrals

Indicate "Rights" For Sinking Ships

OSLO, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Germany has informed Norway that she considers her navy and air force entitled to attack neutral ships immediately if they are sailing in an enemy convoy: if they are without ordinary lights or nationality marks: if they use wireless to give military information or if they refuse to stop when summoned to do so.

Neutral vessels sailing together are advised to exercise strict caution especially where enemy warships are operating.

This information is conveyed in a written reply through the German Legation to a question from a representative of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association.

YUGOSLAV COAL FOR ITALY

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Italy has ordered 200,000 tons of coal from Yugoslavia up to the end of May, according to a Rome despatch to a German news agency.

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General Kita Transferred

Significant Move By Japanese In N. C.

PEIPING, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is now quite definite that Lieut. General Kita, the Japanese Army's political director in North China and the power behind the Peiping Government, will shortly leave North China for good, having been transferred to a military command in Japan.

His successor is Major-General Mohloka.

Political Motive?
In view of the fact that Lieut. Kita was a warm personal supporter of Wang Kwei-min and of the semi-independent status of North China, the move is considered significant.

The North China group may now recede from the former intransigent attitude towards the formation of a central regime.

It is learned that the Central Political Conference at Nanking will open on March 20, having been postponed from March 12.

Wang Ching-wei's government is now expected to be inaugurated on April 1.

Hitler Talks Humbug

NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Commenting on Hitler's speech, the "New York Times" says that it threw no new light on the situation.

Hitler, the paper continues, offered if necessary to give his life for a German victory. This, says the paper, seems a moderate enough offer when one considers the thousands of other German lives he has already sacrificed to that end.

Paris, the paper concludes, was talking "humbug" when he described the Allied aims as being the destruction of Germany.

QUEER TYPE OF NEUTRALITY

French Criticism Of Swedish Attitude

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A statement made by the Swedish radio has evoked a pointed comment in French diplomatic quarters, where it is stressed that Germany had made clear to Scandinavian countries that it would be considered a breach of neutrality if aid for Finland from a Third Power was allowed to pass through their territory.

It was when this German conception was adopted by Sweden that the invited Finland to abandon the struggle.

Paris considers, even without recalling the provisions of the League Covenant, that it is difficult to understand how the principles of neutrality, as generally understood, can be invoked to justify Sweden's present attitude.

N.Z. Government Act Quickly

WELLINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Government has taken over the control of Auckland Harbour and at the same time has taken the power to adopt the same course elsewhere if necessary.

The cause of this action was a trade dispute between the Harbour Board and the harbour workers over a new wage grant.

The Government has asked the men to work at present on the old rate pending the completion of a new agreement with the development of a new co-operative system.

Dutch Ship Mined: Crew Rescued

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Dutch cargo steamer, Amor, 2,325 tons, was mined and sunk near the Westinder Lightship.

The crew of 30 were rescued by the Irish steamer, City of Bremen, and landed at Flushing.

The Amor was en route to Holland from the West Indies.

Greek Steamer Sunk
LONDON, Mar. 11 (UP).—An unnamed Greek steamer is reported to have been mined and sunk off the southeast coast of England to-day.

Two other steamers are said to have picked up the entire crew.

Loan Issue Keeps Exchange Quiet

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was mainly quiet owing to the imminence of tomorrow's war loan issue.

The prices of most groups tended to ease, but Indian Government bonds were exceptionally strong. On good buying from eastern sources, Wall Street was steady.

MR. OYSTER WELLES

Another Man Whose Lips Are Sealed

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles drove to the American Embassy this morning and received the Press at noon. He smiled at his own reticence.

Answering questions by over 100 journalists, he emphasised that he was in Europe on a fact-finding tour in order to report to President Roosevelt.

Secondly, any views given him by members of the Governments he had seen were absolutely confidential and solely for President Roosevelt.

No Proposals
He added: "I have no proposals to make and no commitments to offer in the name of my Government."

Mr. Welles sees Viscount Halifax this afternoon and afterwards he will be received by the King.

In the early evening he will see Mr. Chamberlain and to-night he will dine with Viscount Halifax.

Audience With King
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles spent an hour at the Foreign Office this afternoon, and when he left Lord Halifax came to the entrance to see him off.

Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to London, then drove to Buckingham Palace where they were received by the King.

They had tea with Their Majesties afterwards.

Evening Conversation
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, accompanied by Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, the American Ambassador to London, saw the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax in the Cabinet Room at 10 Downing Street this evening.

Received by The King
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Dated).—Mr. Sumner Welles held conversations for about an hour with Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary.

Following the interview, Mr. Welles, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the American Ambassador, was received in audience by His Majesty, King George, at the Buckingham Palace.

Special Criticism Of U.S.
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 12 (UP).—A somewhat significant tone has been adopted by the London Press with the arrival of Mr. Sumner Welles.

Newspapers are publishing pointed remarks regarding America's attitude towards the Allies' approach to interference on the High Seas, and all stress the Allied attitude that the war is being waged on behalf of democracy.

The newspapers point out that America should be as interested as the Allies in seeing Nazism defeated, and London newspapers caution understanding why America's opinion should place obstacles in the way of final victory for Democracy.

The Press takes the attitude that America, far from criticising the methods used by the Allies in waging the war, should do all in its power to assist the cause.

Can't See Logic Of Attitude
If the United States were a belligerent, Nazism would be certain to collapse before next summer, they point out.

The lives of thousands of young men would be saved if America went to war.

There is growing evidence in London that every Englishman feels that he is fighting for world democracy and that, under the circumstances, America cannot and should not maintain strict neutrality.

English people cannot see the logic of America, one of the world's big democracies, complaining about British measures which are necessary to defeat an enemy who is as much America's as Britain's or France's.

Indian Mill Strike

Unsuccessful Govt. Intervention

BOMBAY, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Government has intervened in the Labour dispute without much success so far.

Since last Monday, 130,000 mill workers have been out on strike for wage increases owing to the higher cost of living.

When negotiations with employees broke down, the Bombay Government asked the mill owners if they would grant a bonus if, as a result of the war, they got higher profits.

The mill owners had a meeting yesterday and later issued a statement saying that they could not increase their original offer.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1890.
We are informed by a gentleman from the Peak district that about 8.45 a.m. a storm of hail suddenly broke over the Tramway station, lasting about 3 minutes. The stones were phenomenally large, averaging about an inch across, by three-eighths thick. It was a sight, our informant assured us, that he would not have believed if he had not witnessed it.

The Artillery Volunteers are being invited by the military authorities to co-operate in a big-gun display in honour of the Duke of Connaught. But they are not "freezing" on to the idea. We understand that the Fleet will pass through a series of evolutions when the visitors arrive. The "Fame" will be on hand to tow any "cripple" into harbour after the display.

25 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1915.
The Hon. Nell Primrose announced in the House of Commons that, in deference to the express desire of His Holiness the Pope, Germany has agreed to a mutual exchange of invalid civilians.

In Belgium there has been a most violent bombardment of Nieupoort by 42 centimetre guns. The British Army, supported by our heavy artillery, between the Lys and La Bassée Canal, gained a most important success. They captured the village of Neuve Chapelle, east of the La Bassée Estuary road, and also advanced north-east of that village in the direction of Aubers, and south-east in the direction of Biez Wood. They took a thousand prisoners, including several officers, also machine-guns. The German losses were very heavy.

The outlook is black indeed for the Germans. The supreme point is that Germany cannot conduct a long war—she cannot "last." And she cannot save herself from defeat merely holding out where she is. There are thus two alternatives open to her—either she must shortly stake everything on a final supreme effort (of which she seems incapable) or she must collapse from sheer exhaustion. And if the Allies are able to inflict serious disasters in the field—as we believe they soon will be able—that collapse will be very materially hastened. For the Allies the advent of Spring is awaited with strong confidence; for Germany it may well be dreaded as the hour of her bitterest humiliation.

10 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1890.
A vote for \$12,700 in regard to the provision of a Children's Playground in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, is to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

Emphasis was placed on the advisability of the amalgamation of the Hongkong Electric Co. and the China Light and Power Co. at the annual meeting this morning, when the Chairman (Mr. Gordon Mackie) and Mr. G. H. Potts expressed their conviction that such an amalgamation would be to the benefit of both shareholders and consumers. They regretted that up to the present it had been found impossible to work on a basis agreeable to both parties. Mr. Potts, describing it as a "terrible calamity" that an amalgamation had not been effected.

A grim drama was enacted in Kennedy Town in the early hours of this morning when fire swept through No. 12, Smithfield, a four-storey building, demolishing the staircase and trapping a family of five at the top. As the blaze grew in intensity, the terror-stricken family was forced to take refuge in the kitchen at the back of the premises, and finally, before the arrival of the Brigade, to jump for their lives.

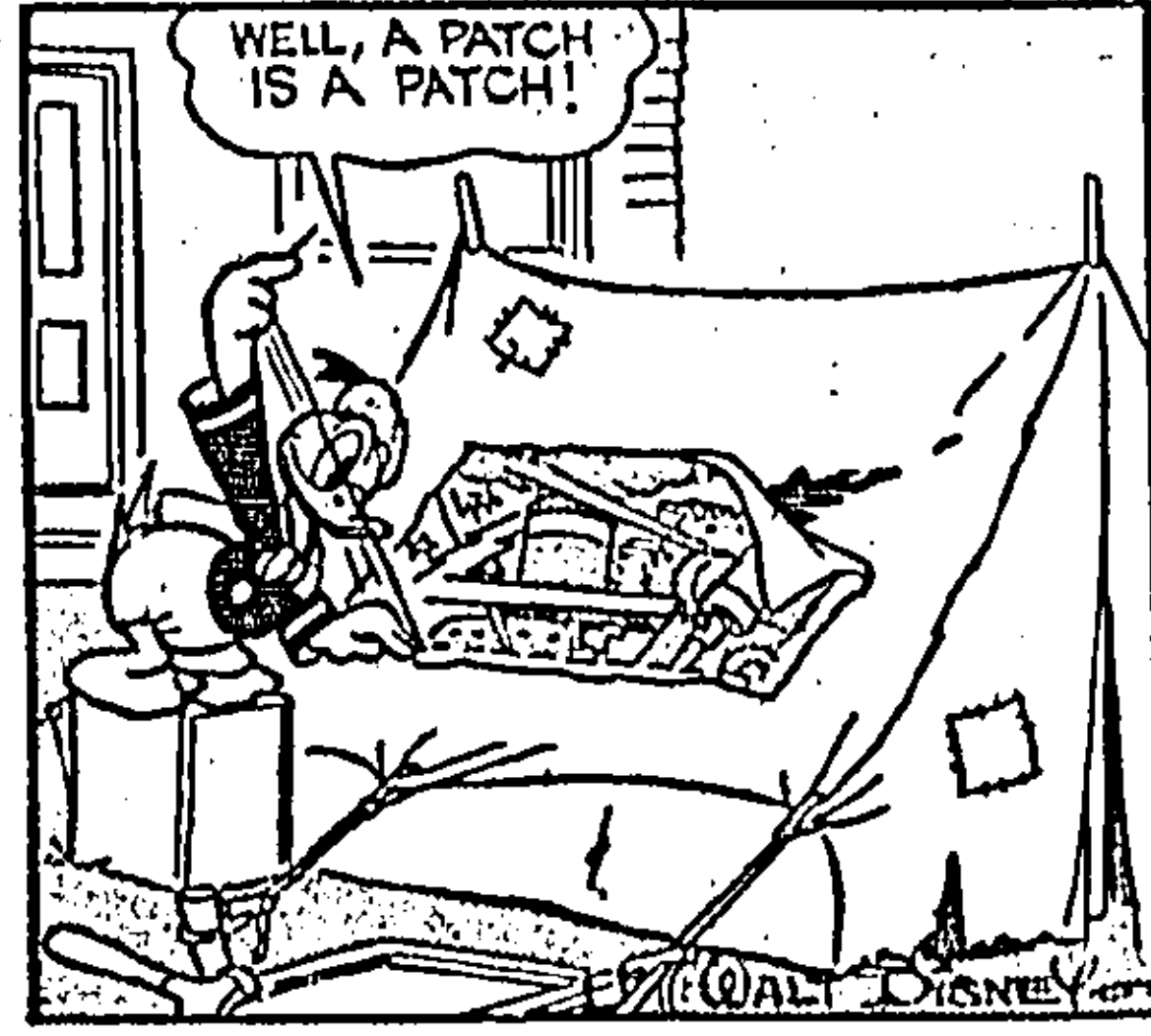
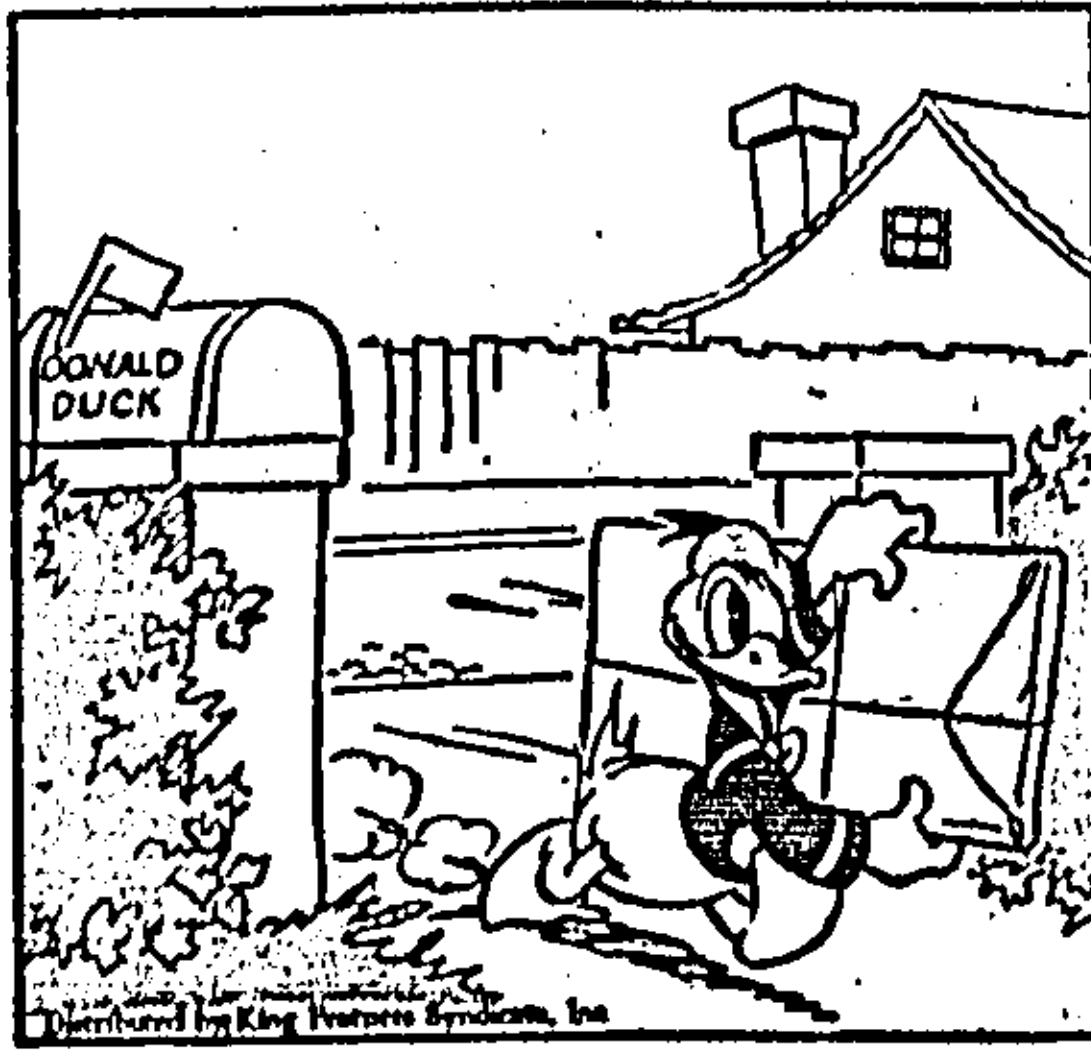
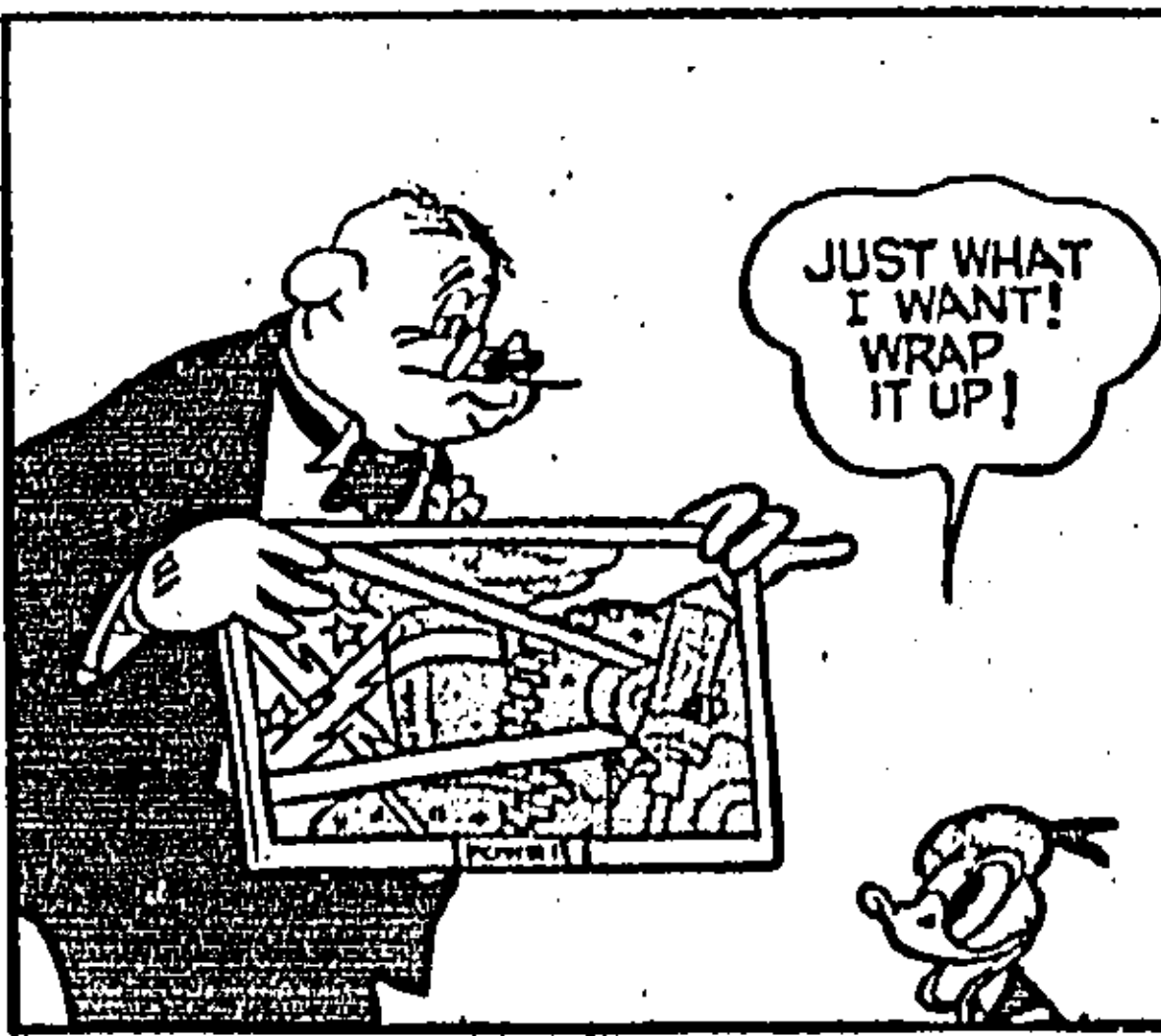
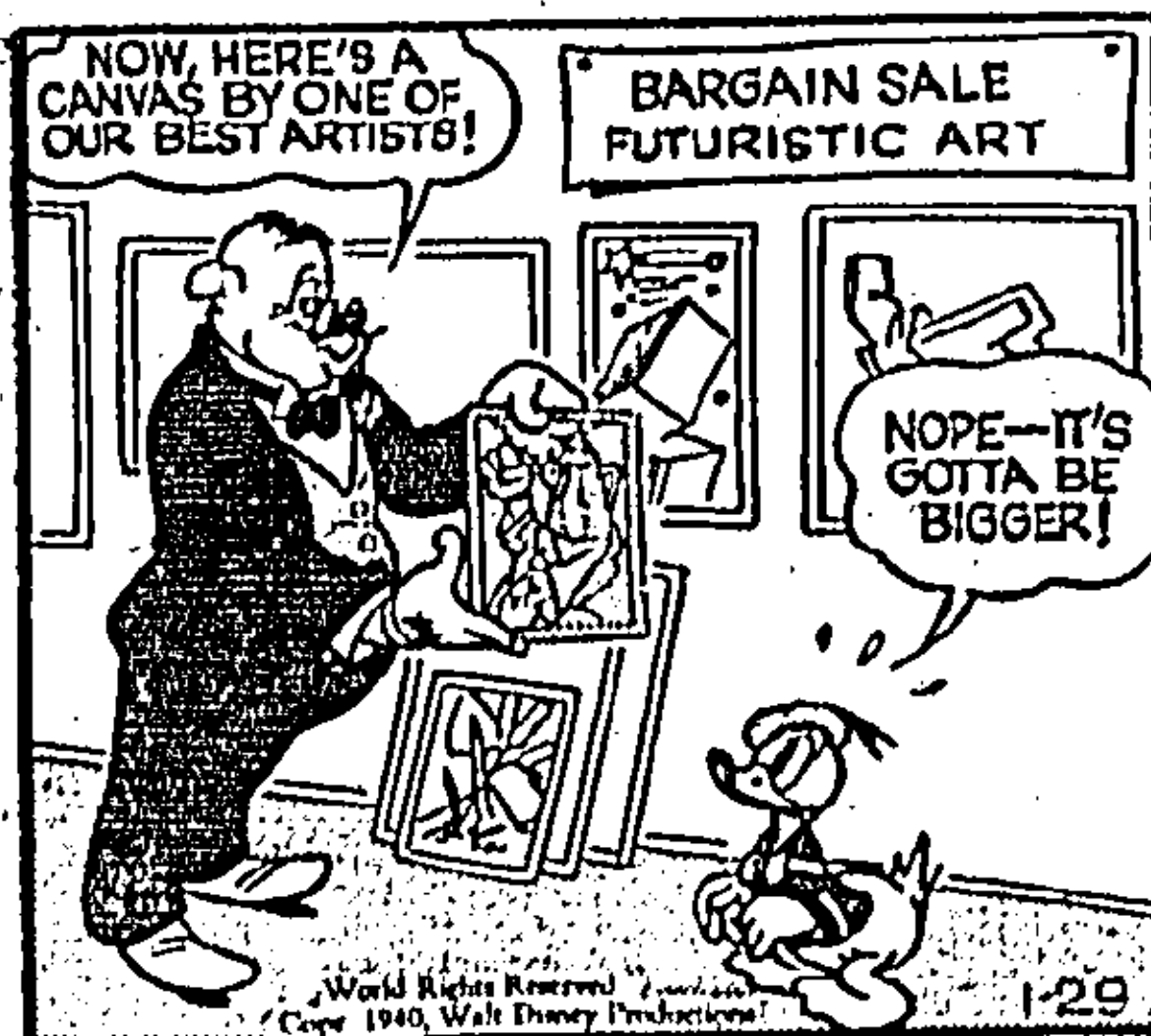
5 YEARS AGO

March 12, 1935.
Prospects of Hongkong soon being able to communicate by radio-telephone with the outside world were referred to by the Hon. Mr. Gordon Mackie when addressing shareholders of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., at its annual meeting to-day.

Political Storm In Toronto

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is reported from Toronto that Mr. Harry Nixon, Provincial Secretary for the Ontario Government, and Premier Hepburn's right-hand man, has resigned from the Cabinet as a protest against Premier Hepburn's recent actions in criticising the conduct of Canada's war effort.

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Bombers Now Have Four Guns To Answer Nazi Fighters

Secret of New R.A.F. Equipment Is Out

By AN AIR CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S airmen have discovered to their cost—it can now be revealed—that since the outbreak of war practically the whole of Britain's bomber force has been re-equipped with more formidable armament.

The Wellington, for example, now generally recognised as the finest bomber in the world, is surprisingly better than it was before the war.

Recent photographs reveal that the Wellington now have twin guns in their turrets. Flying in close formations of three they can bring among them 12 machine-guns to bear on any attacking fighter.

PLENTY OF TANKERS

Allies' Position Is Rated Strong

LONDON, Mar. 11 (British Wireless).—According to the current number of the oil industry's journal, "Petroleum Press Service," the position of the Allies in respect of oil tankers is evidently highly satisfactory.

This journal says: "At the beginning of the war, the British Empire and France possessed a combined tanker tonnage of 3,500,000 tons, excluding vessels in Government hands which may have accounted for a further 500,000 tons."

Big Carrying Capacity

"The carrying capacity of this fleet of tankers was between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 tons of oil, and on the conservative assumption of six round trips yearly, these vessels would be sufficient for transport of well over 30,000,000 tons per year against the normal consumption for the two countries of less than 20,000,000 tons annually."

"The carrying capacity of the Allied tanker fleet has, of course, been reduced by some losses since the war began. But, on the other hand, new tanker construction has been greatly accelerated, and the Allied fleet has been augmented by the chartering of neutral ships."

Adequacy Of Supplies

"In this connection, it may be pointed out that Norway and Holland possess a tanker tonnage of 2,117,000 and 557,000 gross tons, only a small part of which is required for their own trade. There can thus be no doubt about the adequacy of Allied oil supplies during the first six months of war."

"When it is also recalled that considerable stocks of oil were accumulated in Britain and France before the war began, it will be apparent that there is no reason to suppose that their oil supplies will fall short of their future requirements."

German propaganda has recently attempted to imply that the position of the Allies with regard to tankers is becoming serious. It has been alleged, for instance, that a tenth of the British tanker fleet has been sunk. Even if this were true, the facts cited above show that the Allied position would be far from serious.

Gross Exaggeration

The figure given by the Germans, however, is authoritatively stated to be a gross exaggeration which bears no resemblance to the truth. Observers in London regard this as yet another example of the German propaganda device of concealing home anxieties by falsely imputing the same anxieties of the Allies.

More British Navy Casualties

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Admiralty has issued a list of casualties arising from various hazards of the service and not related to any particular ship or action. They include 12 officers killed, one dead of wounds, two died, three wounded; 30 ratings killed, five died of wounds, seven missing, believed killed, and 14 wounded.

So far they are the only British aeroplanes which have stood a pitched battle over the North Sea and then flown on with their bombs to the German harbour which was their objective.

But the harbour was devoid of shipping, so they returned to their base without unloading their bombs.

Airports Photographed

Photographs taken over German aerodromes by British planes flying at only 2,000 or 3,000 ft. may be released for publication soon.

One photograph actually shows in one corner the wing of a German aeroplane landing while British bombers are machine-gunning it.

Two German planes were machine-gunned, for as they flew home they were apparently unaware that the heavy bombers circling round their landing ground were British.

Aerodrome, as well as the whole Siegfried Line, has now been photographed until it is almost possible to build up a complete air-map of secret Germany as far inland as Berlin.

Ordeal By Night

At night-time, too, our bombers are continuing reconnaissance flights which constitute some of the most heroic efforts of the war. Incidentally, pilots say that the German black-out has recently got much blacker.

Night flight R.A.F. men have a hard task. They take off just after dark and fly across the North Sea for more than 300 miles without seeing a thing. All too often the first indication of their arrival over Germany is a tremendous burst of "fire-works."

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1.45 Primo-Scala's Accordion Band and Florence Desmond (Comedienne).

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience."

6.28 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 An Hour of Dance Music.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 New Light Symphony Orchestra—Zampa—Overture, Spanish Dance, No. 1, "The Dubarry"—Selection.

8.25 Hawaiian Selections—All My Life, Sundown in Old Walkiki, George Elliott's Hawaiian Novelty Quartet with Vocal Chorus; Kohala March, Honolulu March, Frank Ferrera and John K. Panlunghi (Hawaiian Guitars); Hawaiian Hapilises—Medley, Len Ellis and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

8.45 B.B.C. Recording—"The Fol-De-Rols"—Written and produced by Wolsley Charles.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Schumann—Trio in D Minor, Op. 63—Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

10.17 Piano Solos by Alfred Cortot. Papillons, Op. 2, Etude en Forme de Valse, Etude in F Minor.

10.36 Haydn—Symphony No. 86 in D Major—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11.00 Close Down.

FIVE ARMED MEN ROB FILM STAR

NEW YORK.

FILM stars Constance Bennett and Anita Louise were being driven along Chicago's Loop—the city's main central road—early to-day, when five armed masked bandits forced their chauffeur to stop.

Miss Bennett and Miss Louise were going home after attending a charity performance. They were escorted by Richard Ainley, son of actor Henry Ainley.

The bandits jumped on to the running board of their car, rough-handled them and stole jewellery worth more than £6,000.

Bracelets and rings were torn from the actresses and the bandits were struggling to take off Miss Bennett's expensive mink coat when they became frightened by the sound of a

police-car siren, and made off in their own car.

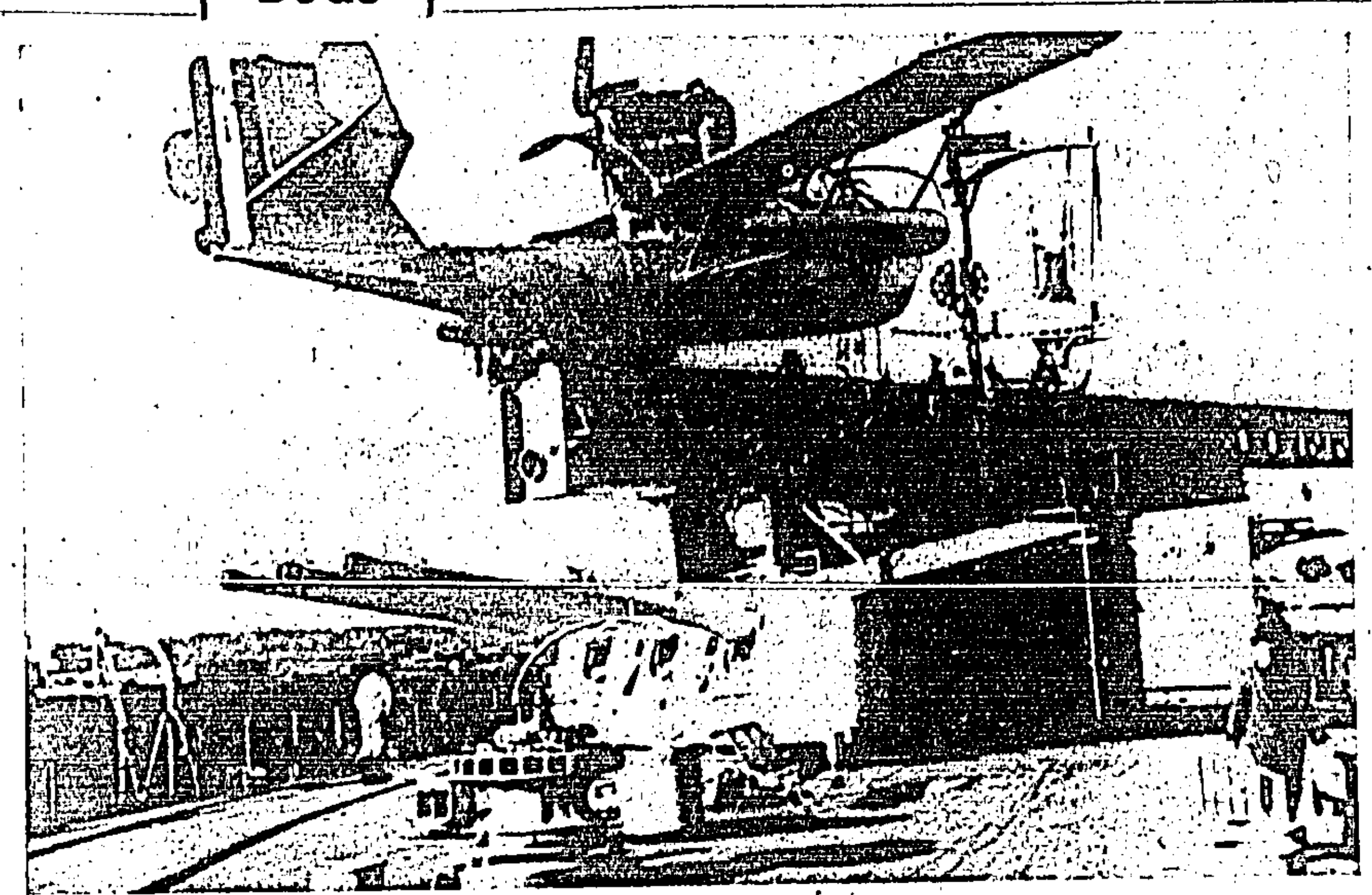
Miss Bennett said at the police station: "This is a fine thing to happen. First we go to a charity performance, and then we get robbed."

Richard Ainley, who lost nothing, said: "The robbers told me 'Sit quiet, and I did.'"

Miss Bennett lost a diamond bracelet worth more than £5,000 and a cheap imitation ring.

Miss Louise lost a diamond bracelet, a diamond ring and sapphire ring. The bandits missed diamond earrings, some jewels hidden by Miss Bennett's wardrobe, and £200 which Richard Ainley had in his wallet.

FRANCE HAS WATCH DOGS



A FRENCH HYDROPLANE being tuned up in preparation for a reconnaissance flight over the Mediterranean.—French Official Photo.

'I will not leave my Country' says Sibelius

FINLAND'S GREAT COMPOSER WILL STAY WITH PEOPLE

HELSINGFORS.

JEAN SIBELIUS, the man of seventy-four who has put the spirit of Finland into music, has received invitation after invitation to leave his war-locked country—and has refused them all.

In fact, nothing irritates him more than people who suggest he is in danger. He has infinite faith in the men who are defending his homeland.

"They're Finns, aren't they?" was his comment to a friend of the family I met.

She had just spent a day with the composer and his wife at their semi-rustic wooden summer-house a few miles out of Helsingfors, where he is working.

She said he was in fine form, and very proud about the progress of the war.

A few months before the war Sibelius decided to break his life of always living a secluded life in the country, and open a town flat.

He went into the flat a few weeks before war broke out, and stayed there for the first fortnight of the fighting, in spite of heavy bombardments.

"It was the noise that drove him out," his friend told me. "He has little fear, but he says the noise was just too unmusical."

His Windows Dropped Out

But even in the country he sometimes hears the echo of bombs dropping on a town close by.

The windows of his own house have dropped out through vibration, and one day the house rocked.

But he says Finland is his home and inspiration, and refuses to quit.

Sibelius is a typical Finn in looks—a rugged, peasant figure, with head and square chin shaped very like Winston Churchill's.

He is now working on a new composition that is nearing completion. It will be first played in Finland, he says.

Another world-famous Finn artist who goes on working

while bombs drop around him is Vaino Aaltonen, celebrated sculptor.

He still works in his villa in the suburbs, except when raiding planes come over. Then he goes out on the roof with a thirty-two calibre gun and pops at them.

Pistol Practice In Studio

Not so monastic as Sibelius, Aaltonen received me in his studio and proudly slung his gun over his shoulder.

"Sometimes they fly low. Once they were only 100 yards above my head, I'll get one yet," he said.

In his studio was a pocket-marked blackboard. I asked what it was for.

"I do pistol practice every morning. If a Russian comes within range I'll shoot him," he answered.

Beside the blackboard was a beautiful peasant Madonna and Child.

Aaltonen's work that is best known in England is the sculpture on Helsingfors modernistic railway station. He is most proud of that, especially of a figure of a young poet.

The Russians have frequently bombed the station. He said: "If they destroy my work there I'll be very angry."

The Spirit Of Battle

He is carving a female statue of Freedom to replace the figure of the Russian Czar Alexander in Helsingfors University. He is also working on an enormous portal for a frontier bridge.

That, too, has an apt theme. The figures are of soldiers and peasants fighting aggression.

This forty-five-year-old sculptor

Doubts About Japan-Russia Pact In U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (UP).—Informed Government officials expressed doubts regarding the possibility of a Russo-Japanese rapprochement.

An opinion is expressed here that the Japanese themselves have spread reports of a possible Non-Aggression pact with Russia in order to frighten Britain or America into further concessions in China.

Official sources indicate that Chung Kai-shek is undoubtedly still receiving substantial aid from the Soviet and there are no indications that the U.S.S.R. will abandon its assistance—certainly the only condition upon which Japan would enter into an agreement.

ANOTHER I.R.A. OUTRAGE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ARMAGH, Eire, Mar. 11 (UP).—An explosion, followed by fire and other smaller explosions damaged the parochial hall of St. Patrick's Cathedral here to-day.

The police attribute the outrage to I.R.A. activities.

At a Meeting of the Directors of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited it was decided, subject to audit, to recommend to the Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. in respect of the year ended December 31, 1939, and carry forward to next account the sum of \$121,570.38.

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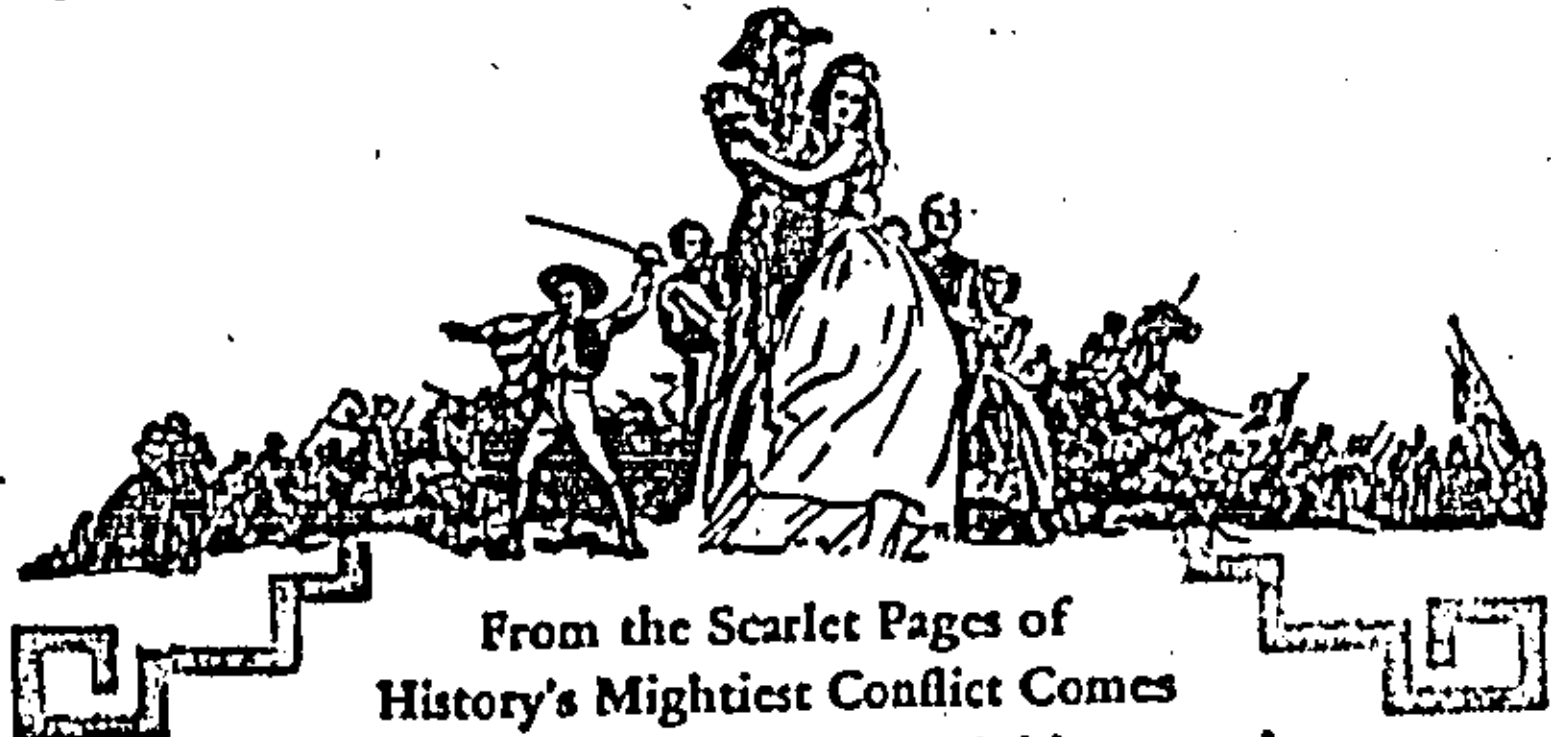
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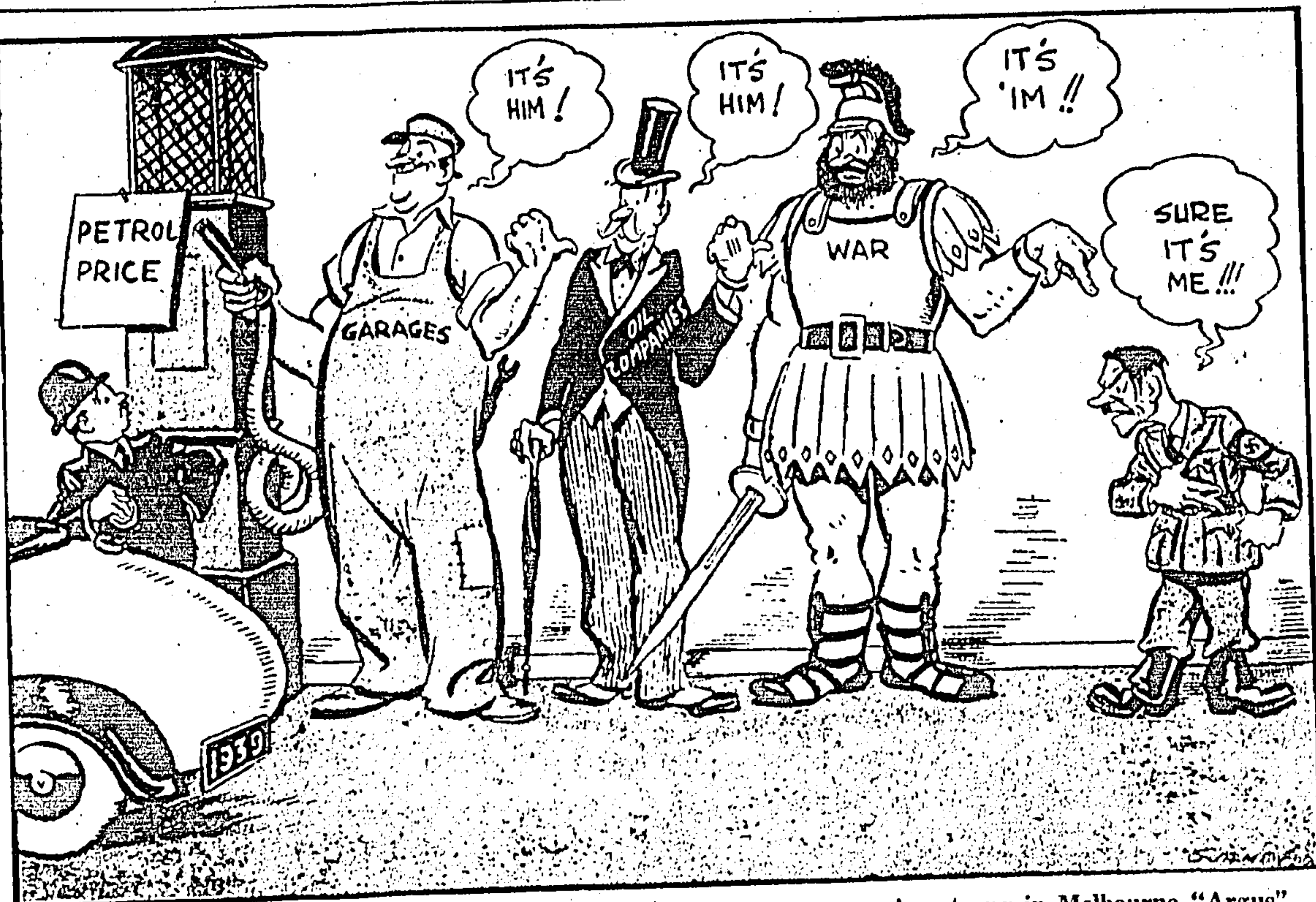
"Inspiration"

HITLER is waiting for "inspiration." That accounts for the lull on the Western Front. So says a Nazi of some standing. The story goes that the German military authorities are uncertain how to tackle the problem that lies before them, and even the reputed military genius of the Fuhrer is at a loss.

The use of the word "inspiration" may be explained in various ways. There is the inspiration of genius which Hitler may have or may not have. He has yet to prove that he is naturally a super-soldier. But there are many people who by "inspiration" mean quite another thing. Some time ago a British journalist who has had many opportunities of studying the Fuhrer said that he is undoubtedly psychic; that he is controlled by some power outside of himself; and that when he is confronted by a difficult problem he waits for the influence and guidance of that power.

This opinion seems to find support, in some measure, from passages in that enlightening book, "Germany's Revolution of Destruction," by Hermann Rauschning, a former Nazi of official standing. He says that "the gift Hitler unquestionably possesses of waiting for the right moment, a gift which has been misinterpreted as irresolution and passivity, is only the expression of his inability to come to a decision until an inner voice speaks to him on his problems, and he has the sense that the right moment has arrived." The author also refers to the romantic trait in Hitler's problematic nature, with the cry, "Don't upset my intuition," and his frequent refusal to listen to criticism. Evidently, however, this "inner voice" is not always to be trusted, for Herr Rauschning confidently forecasts the sure and complete destruction of the Nazi regime.

These are interesting theories, but it would be in the highest degree dangerous to allow them to put us off our guard and to breed undue optimism. Whatever be Hitler's temperament, behind everything is the might of German armaments and the determination to use them to the uttermost when the day for action comes.



—Armstrong in Melbourne "Argus"

This Is How
Hitler Brings Up
The Children

BALDUR VON SCHIRACH banged his fist on the desk. "You say that the children of Germany cannot be regimented? I say that they can and will be! Every boy and every girl in this nation will be made a National Socialist!"

He was almost shouting; his black eyes flashed.

"Der Fuehrer has told us that the Third Reich will stand for a thousand years. That to our youth belongs the future, and youth belongs to us. There will be no escape possible from the channel which we shall mark for the German to follow from childhood to manhood. And we shall produce not humanitarians and your other weak-kneed types, but good soldiers, strong men, and loyal National Socialists. Give me a child of six to educate, and he will belong to me for life."

That was in 1933 at the Brown House in Munich. Baldur von Schirach has kept his word.

Backed by Adolf Hitler, who adores and implicitly trusts him, the Reich Youth Leader is forcing 7,000,000 children through a unique and appalling system of education.

At the age of six, a German child enters primary school and meets the Herr Lehrer.

Not simply a school-teacher is the Herr Lehrer, but an institution, a symbol of the authority of the State. A young, athletic brown-shirt, picked for his loyalty to the party, has taken the place of the old-style bespectacled pedagogue.

Every morning the Herr Lehrer raises his arm. "Heil Hitler," he shouts. "Heil Hitler," peep the little voices. "What is our first duty as Germans?" he intones. "To love and obey the Fuehrer," the class chants. Another salute, and the six-year-olds do not write. "The cat is black," in their exercise books, but "Adolf Hitler is my Leader."

The primer is "Mein Kampf," boiled down to "Germany is the greatest country in the world." "All Jews are evil," and the like.

Object lessons are invented by the teacher. One example was recently commended by the Ministry of Education. A little girl was caught lying. She had to write fifty times on the blackboard: "I am not pure Aryan and am therefore given to lying."

by their local party chieftains. They must have military and labour corps training, and must show a good record in swimming and track sports.

They must be graduates of the High School of Teacher Training, where the primary purpose is to create a "soldierly" teacher.

I was in a history classroom when a boy of fourteen disputed the textbook description of the Battle of Jutland. His father had been in the battle and had told him about it. The boy received a whipping. And something infinitely worse—as the teacher told me later—"We have marked it down in his party record."

THE party record of a German child, his passport to wealth or poverty, success or failure, begins at the age of ten.

If a "pure Aryan," he then enters the Deutsches Jungvolk, junior section of the Hitler Jugend. From then on, he is under the constant surveillance of the party.

On his "National Socialistic enthusiasm," his obedience to his superiors, his qualities of leadership, and his athletic ability in the Jungvolk—and, after fourteen, in the Jugend—depend his hopes of a comfortable life as a party member.

Evenings, at the local clubhouse of the Hitler Jugend, the boys sit in front of a large picture of Hitler so that "no boy may ever forget that the Fuehrer is watching him." The local leader and visiting party potentates make propaganda speeches; various boys also speak. The grim earnestness of these affairs never relaxes for a moment.

Saturday is devoted to military drill, from the manual of arms through every detail of military life. I have seen the boys drill for an hour at a time in the broiling sun without rest. Every boy of fifteen must be able to march fifteen miles a day with an eleven-pound pack. If he falls out of line his weakness goes into his party record. There is not much chance for a fragile boy to last. But unless he does his future is pretty bleak.

SONS of powerful party members and boys of "outstanding National Socialistic worth" may apply at the age of twelve for admission to the elite Adolf Hitler boarding-schools, which prepare for the National Socialist Order of Leaders.

In the Adolf Hitler schools the boys are under iron discipline every hour of the day. Every movement must be strictly military. No newspapers or literature, except those National

This article was published in Reader's Digest, an important American publication, under the heading "Thousand-Year Reich."

snooping students who want to show that they are 600 per cent. Nazis and report every sensible piece of work to the Gestapo as high treason."

The technical schools have a different complaint. Calculus remains calculus, and chemical reactions are unchanged by politics. But the students are incompetent.

"I don't know what to do with them," an eminent research chemist told me. "They have no initiative, no imagination at all. They can't concentrate; they have no patience with detail. Whether it's all the marching they have to do, or all the political bunkum they learn, I don't know. But we have had to lower our examination standards repeatedly. Out of a class of thirty advanced students I have only five who aren't nitwits. And all my colleagues say the same—privately, of course."

Big industrial concerns, alarmed by the dearth of competent young engineers, and the General Staff, worried by the lack of officer material for the technical branches, have repeatedly brought the situation to Hitler's personal attention.

His only answer so far has been "Soldiers are more important than intellectuals."

MOST of the party members directly from their military training into the armed forces or lucrative Government positions. But between the ages of twenty-five and thirty a few may apply for admission to the National Socialist Order of Leaders. Only 1,000 tyro Fuehrers are admitted every year. After examination, they are finally passed on by Hitler himself.

This is the stated object of their four-year course: "They must become our best soldiers; they must become fanatical preachers of the National Socialist gospel. And we demand of them unconditional obedience. That is the greatest test."

The four medieval castles of the order in the four corners of Germany are a cross between a barracks and a country club. Here the Junker—as he is now called—is given the final polish.

Marching and drilling continue as usual. The "ideological education," with training in administration and propaganda, reaches its final stages. There are "tests of courage" by parachute-jumping and physical combat. Besides, the Junker is taught social graces.

Professors who have lectured in the castles report it a strange experience. One said to me:

"They are dullest, those boys. The soul has gone out of them and the capacity to understand human emotion, they drill beautifully; they are magnificent specimens of many-

hood; they know their National Socialism by heart.

"But every shred of imagination, of creative ability—for good, that is—has been torn out of them by the roots."

"They will never perpetuate a thousand-year Reich. But I am frightened even of the one generation which they will lead."

Frederic
Sondern, Jr.

RIBBENTROP AND IL DUCE DISCUSS AXIS AGREEMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano talked with von Ribbentrop for 85 minutes. An official communique said the talk covered the international situation.

It said: "the conversation was conducted in the spirit of the pact, alliance and other accords existing between the two countries."

Earlier, von Ribbentrop conferred with Count Ciano alone.

The "United Press" correspondent who saw von Ribbentrop leaving the Papal audience at the Vatican this morning thought he looked definitely relieved.

Diplomatic circles in Berlin report that von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope might be the prelude to a new treaty between the Vatican and Germany.

Ribbentrop's Final Talks

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Ribbentrop will see Count Ciano this afternoon and afterwards he will be received by Mussolini. He is due to leave at 9.30 p.m.

Precedent Broken

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Contrary to custom, the Papal car which took Ribbentrop to the Vatican did not fly the visitor's national flag, the swastika.

Leaves For Berlin

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop left Berlin to-day at 8.22 p.m. (GMT).

Effect Of Visit To Pope

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to the Pope does not mean that Germany has changed her attitude regarding the Catholic Church, stated a personality in Vatican City to a "Havas" agency correspondent.

This spokesman adds that it makes no difference to the Vatican protests concerning the German persecution of the Church, especially in Poland.

It is further stated that Herr von Ribbentrop visited the Pope to pay homage to the spiritual power of the Holy See, and the Pope took the opportunity to make the protests rendered necessary in the present circumstances.

Telephone Talks With Hitler

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop had a series of telephone talks with Hitler last night and again to-day, owing to the constant need for fresh instructions to keep pace with the rapidly developing situation.

85-Minute Talk

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—After a brief interview with Count Ciano, Herr von Ribbentrop saw Signor Mussolini at 5 p.m.

Count Ciano was also present at this meeting, which lasted 85 minutes.

Cordial Parleys

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An official communique issued this evening after Herr von Ribbentrop's second talk with Mussolini, in which Herr von Ribbentrop was well-received, Count Ciano was present, says that the talk, which was cordial, lasted an hour and a half.

The communique adds: "The talk was concerned with the international situation and was conducted in the spirit and framework of the pact of alliance and agreements existing between Italy and Germany."

Peace Plan For Welles

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The newspaper, "B.T." reports from Budapest that Herr von Ribbentrop, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano are working on a peace plan which will be handed to Mr. Sumner Welles when he calls at Rome en route to America.

The source of the report is described as Hungarian political circles in close contact with Count Ciano.

Italy To Stand Pat

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Rome radio announcer, in the English bulletin, stated that no sudden change is likely to be made in the attitude of the Italian Government as the result of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit.

The announcer added that Italy's attitude was clearly defined by Count Ciano in a speech on December 16.

The importance of the visit lay in the fact that the problems of present-day Europe were lengthily re-examined and fully probed.

The trend of German-Italian relations and obligations remained unchanged.

Ribbentrop Felt Unwell

PARIS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is reported that after his audience with the Pope, Herr von Ribbentrop felt indisposed and was obliged to sit down for a short time, according to a "Havas" dispatch from the Vatican City.

Envoy's Suite Leaves

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—All Herr von Ribbentrop's suite, except Dr. Karl Claudius, have left with him. Dr. Claudius is remaining in Rome.

Imperialistic War Aims Denied

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Sir Reginald Maxwell, Home member of the Government-General's Executive Council, speaking at the Central Assembly, strongly repudiated the allegations made in the Patna resolution that Britain was carrying on the war for imperialistic ends.

Sir Reginald Maxwell declared that the statements of British Ministers had made clear that there was no foundation for the allegations.

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mands for complete cessation of the Petsamo area, permitting Finland to retain its common frontier with Norway and the Arctic port.

6.—Revision of territorial demands on the eastern frontier.

In return for Finnish territorial concessions north of Lake Ladoga, Russia will cede portion of Soviet Karelia to Finland. Sortavalla will remain in Finnish hands.

6.—The puppet Government which was set up in December will be disbanded.

7.—Finland's future independence and integrity to be guaranteed.

Strict Censorship

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Reports in diplomatic circles suggest that the terms of any settlement are likely to differ somewhat from those originally reported.

The very strict censorship is now being imposed in Finland and no word of the rumoured peace conditions has been allowed to leak out.

Swedish Denial

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A denial that Sweden has given any advice to Finland has been given by Reuters by M. Guenther, the Swedish Foreign Minister.

He said: "We have not had the slightest contact with Germany from the beginning to the end of these negotiations. We have done nothing to advise the Finnish Government one way or another."

He asked whether there was a possibility of a Swedish guarantee for Finland if peace was concluded. M. Guenther said that the question had not yet been raised.

Referring to Anglo-Swedish relations, he said: "I hope they will remain as cordial as they have been and as they still are."

Sweden Surprised

M. Guenther said that Sweden was very surprised at the way her policy was misunderstood and misrepresented abroad.

"Our constant aim has been to do what is best simultaneously for Finland and Sweden. Circumstances have made clear that the best way to help Finland is for ourselves to remain neutral, but to do all we can in supplying the necessary materials and volunteers."

Replying to a question whether there was a possibility of Sweden considering curtailing the exports of iron ore to the belligerents in order to safeguard her neutrality, M. Guenther replied: "It seems that would have a contrary effect. Our safeguard is to continue normal trade with all parties."

Three Delicate Issues

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—According to reports persisting in political circles here, the most delicate subjects facing the negotiators in Moscow are:

(1) the railway north-east from Viborg to the Soviet frontier;

(2) Finland's future political and military regime;

(3) the status of Hangoe.

The newspaper, "Helsingin Sanomat," which generally expresses the views of Government circles, says: "In the face of the Finnish-Soviet conflict, the Western Powers must decide their attitude. They must understand the necessity of making a decision in view of the possible new orientation of the theatre of war."

Britain Rejects Soviet Demarche

LONDON, March 11. (Dome).—It has been officially announced that the Soviet Ambassador at London on February 22 approached the British Government with a proposal for British mediation in the Soviet-Finnish dispute. The Soviet demarche has been rejected on the grounds that the Soviet terms for peace were too harsh.

Soviets' Final Offer

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—According to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Stefani" news agency, the Finnish delegation has left Moscow for Helsinki.

It is understood that the Soviet made a final offer which must be accepted or rejected within a given time.

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cludes similar action to the appeal of Sr. Camilo Buenacina who was also convicted on the same charges. Thus, insular circles believe that Buenacina's sole recourse is for Executive pardon, although legal authorities point out that he could naturally appeal in his own name.

It is noted that neither Mr. Frank Murphy nor Mr. William Douglas, Associate Justices, participated in the decision.

Although it is not officially explained, some sources believe that it was due to Mr. Douglas' prior connection with the Security and Exchange Corporation and Mr. Murphy's former connection with the Philippines.

FRONTIER VIOLATED

Soviet Planes Fly Over Japanese Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Mar. 12 (Dome).—Two Soviet planes crossed the border in Sakhalin (Karafuto) and penetrated some 50 miles inside the Japanese territory on Monday afternoon, according to a telephone message from Toyohara, the capital of Karafuto.

A Soviet biplane flew down along the Horonai River running through the centre of Karafuto and penetrated about 25 miles into Japanese territory before it flew back to North Sakhalin.

A Soviet monoplane appeared over South Sakhalin from the sea and penetrated some 50 miles towards Estapu on the western coast before it flew back north.

The flights were immediately reported to the Overseas Ministry and military authorities.

FINAL DECISION WILL BE "PEACE," FINNS BELIEVE

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diplomatic picture for the past 24 hours.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons was welcomed because it seemed stronger than any previous declaration and also because it meant an ace in M. Ryt's hands in his efforts to obtain peace with honour.

But foreign sources in Helsinki recognise that Mr. Chamberlain's pledge of "all the means at our disposal" may mean as much or as little as London or Paris want it to mean.

Moscow negotiations are the only subject of conversation among Helsinki's man-in-the-street.

Many Finns, including Army officers, are using hard language because they feel that their country is still strong.

They are using even harder language about the rules. Sweden, Britain and even the United States have played in the war.

However, the average Finn seems content to trust the men who went to Moscow, because he does not believe that any vital rights will be surrendered.

Swedish Decision

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Mar. 12 (UP).—Foreign Affairs Committee of the Swedish Diet began a secret session at 11.30 a.m.

It is believed that the session was called to discuss the possibility of giving Finland a binding guarantee in future if Finland agrees to the latest Russian demands.

The Finnish Legation in Stockholm describes as "groundless" the reports that the Swedish Foreign Affairs Committee approves the Russian peace terms.

U.S. Interest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (UP).—Mr. Cordell Hull has confirmed that the U.S. Ambassador at Moscow has been in contact with Soviet officials in connection with the Finnish negotiations.

The Secretary of State denies, however, that the U.S. is mediating. Ambassadorial activity, said Mr. Hull, was designed to keep the United States fully informed of the progress of the negotiations.

"I have no knowledge of reports that the Russo-Finnish delegations are conferring at the U.S. Embassy," the Secretary of State added.

Swedish Explanation

PARIS, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The Swedish Legation has issued a statement explaining Sweden's part in the Finnish peace negotiations.

The statement says that Sweden did not initiate the initiative in the negotiations and has strictly maintained the role of intermediary.

On no occasion has Sweden suspended the transport of volunteers and materials to Finland, and they would continue assistance to Finland which, the statement asserted, is becoming more and more intense.

Nazi Seamen In San Domingo

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Forty-seven seamen from the steamer Hanover have arrived in San Domingo according to a radio from New York.

The Captain stated that 55 of the crew were probably captured by a British warship.

Nazi Prisoners Of War

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Asked how many German prisoners of war and captured merchant seamen were now in internment camps, the Under Secretary for the Home Office said in the House of Commons to-day that the figures given on March 8 were 257 combatant prisoners of war and 1,271 merchant seamen.

BELGIUM BUYS AIRCRAFT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BRUSSELS, Mar. 11 (UP).—It has been announced that the Belgian Ministry of Defence has ordered the purchase of aircraft from Britain and Italy, as well as the United States. The numbers and other details of the purchases have not been revealed.

Nazis Proud Record!

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Hanover, the 5,600 ton ship which has scuttled herself, is the 34th German ship to meet this ignominious end. The scuttling of this ship is keeping intact Germany's proud record of having sunk more German ships than anyone else.

The Hanover was built about a year ago.

Blames The French

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Mar. 11 (UP).—Captain Baer, Master of the scuttled Nazi freighter Hanover, has arrived here with his crew.

He alleges that the French destroyer which intercepted his ship entered Dominican waters in order to approach the vessel.

When ordered to halt, the crew of the Hanover set fire to their vessel and opened the sea valves. Captain Baer believes the 55 members of his crew who are still missing were taken aboard the French warship.

Mystery Of A Broadcast

Wagner, Not Ribbentrop, Was Unpopular

THE EASE with which news conveyed by radio and not through the Press may become distorted was shown in Hongkong this morning.

A local listener who is somewhat of an expert told the "Telegraph" of an amazing incident which occurred during a broadcast by Rome-Radio early this morning.

The person in question, who is connected with the Radio business in Hongkong, was apparently listening to a broadcast of Wagner's "Lohengrin" from the "Rome Opera House."

"After the First Act a party of official guests were apparently introduced," he said. "Among them was Herr von Ribbentrop."

"Faint clapping became audible and the orchestra struck up the Nazi and Italian Anthems."

"The opera was unable to resume, however, owing to the pandemonium created, apparently by the arrival of the German guest and the playing of the Nazi anthem."

"Booing, hissing and cat-calls were clearly audible in Hongkong. The noise became so great that the broadcasting station abandoned further attempts to continue the broadcast."

Here is what seems to have happened, as conveyed in a "United Press" despatch—from Paris:

"A noisy demonstration was staged at the Chatelet Theatre, yesterday afternoon when a combined orchestra attempted to play Wagner for the first time since the outbreak of war."

"The three Wagnerian numbers originally in the programme were the Lohengrin Overture, Prelude to Tristan and Isolde, and the Tanhauser Overture."

"Editorial comment yesterday morning, however, had publicised this aspect of the programme, causing the management to suppress the first two numbers in favour of Debussy's Petite Suite and Ravel's Mameluke Lye."

"Half the audience did not know of the changes until a storm broke loose."

"From all over the house came cries of 'Why did you change the programme?'"

"Counter-demonstrators yelled encouragingly, 'Well done, Sir!'"

"The conductor finally stilled the audience by appealing for the restoration of order."

The "Telegraph" referred the "United Press" message to the Hongkong listener.

"I'm not certain I was listening to Rome-Radio," he declared.

Broadcast Confirmed

Our informant later telephoned the "Telegraph" to give confirmation of his story.

He gave us the names of two other listeners who heard the broadcast from Rome, and who leave no doubt but that a remarkable coincidence has occurred.

These listeners give additional details. They say that, following the pandemonium, the announcer at Rome-Radio said that there had been a breakdown, and they were switching over to Turin, where a management programme was broadcast.

These listeners also heard the Nazi Anthem which preceded the cat-calls.

MAHARAJAH'S HEIR DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BOMBAY, Mar. 12 (UP).—The death was announced to-day of the Yuvaraj of Mysore, aged 52, heir and brother of the Maharajah of Mysore, who is reputed to be one of the world's richest men.

ALIENS IN COURT

German Fined For Censorship Offence

Two aliens appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, one a Formosan and the other a German.

The Formosan, Ryu Den Ren, 43, merchant was charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and said he often came in and out of the Colony on business.

It was stated Ryu arrived from Macao on March 11 and tried to evade the passport inspectors by posing as a Chinese.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

The German, Rudolf Hamburger, 30, was charged with having in his possession three letters, conveyed into the Colony other than by post.

Hamburger admitted the charge saying that he meant to give a list of letters and books he had in his possession to the censors but was prevented from doing so by certain restrictions imposed on him.

He was fined \$20.

Moller Ship Refloated

All Safe Aboard The Ariadne Moller

SHANGHAI, Mar. 12. (Reuter).—Fears for the safety of the passengers and crew of the Ariadne Moller, which went aground near Wenchow on Sunday night, are set at rest by a statement here from Mollers Limited.

The vessel is refloated and is proceeding to Shanghai under her own steam.

There are no casualties, it is stated. The ship was on her way from Wenchow to Shanghai and was only a short distance away from Wenchow when she went aground at about 10.30 p.m.

Captain Miller, the British master, immediately wirelessed for help, the call being picked up by the R.C.A. radio station in Manila, which reported that the 200 passengers had taken to life-boats.

A wireless report received by Mollers Limited yesterday stated that the ship was refloated at 8.15 p.m. and that if the weather remained fine, she would be able to make Shanghai without the assistance of the tug which had been sent to render aid.

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TIME LIMIT FOR OPIUM ADDICTS

SHANGHAI, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—All opium addicts, irrespective of age, are required to cure their drug habit completely on or before the time limit set this year under the Six-Year Opium Suppression programme, according to a new order issued by the Executive Yuan, says the "Shun Pan."

The Ministry of the Interior, the report adds, has been instructed by the Executive Yuan to enforce the measures and no extension of the fixed time limit will be allowed.

Trade To Continue Despite War

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Anglo-Norwegian trade agreement which was signed to-day enables British and Norwegian trade to continue as nearly normal as the war permits.

A joint standing commission is to be established which will meet in either London or Oslo to discuss the questions arising from the operation of the agreement.

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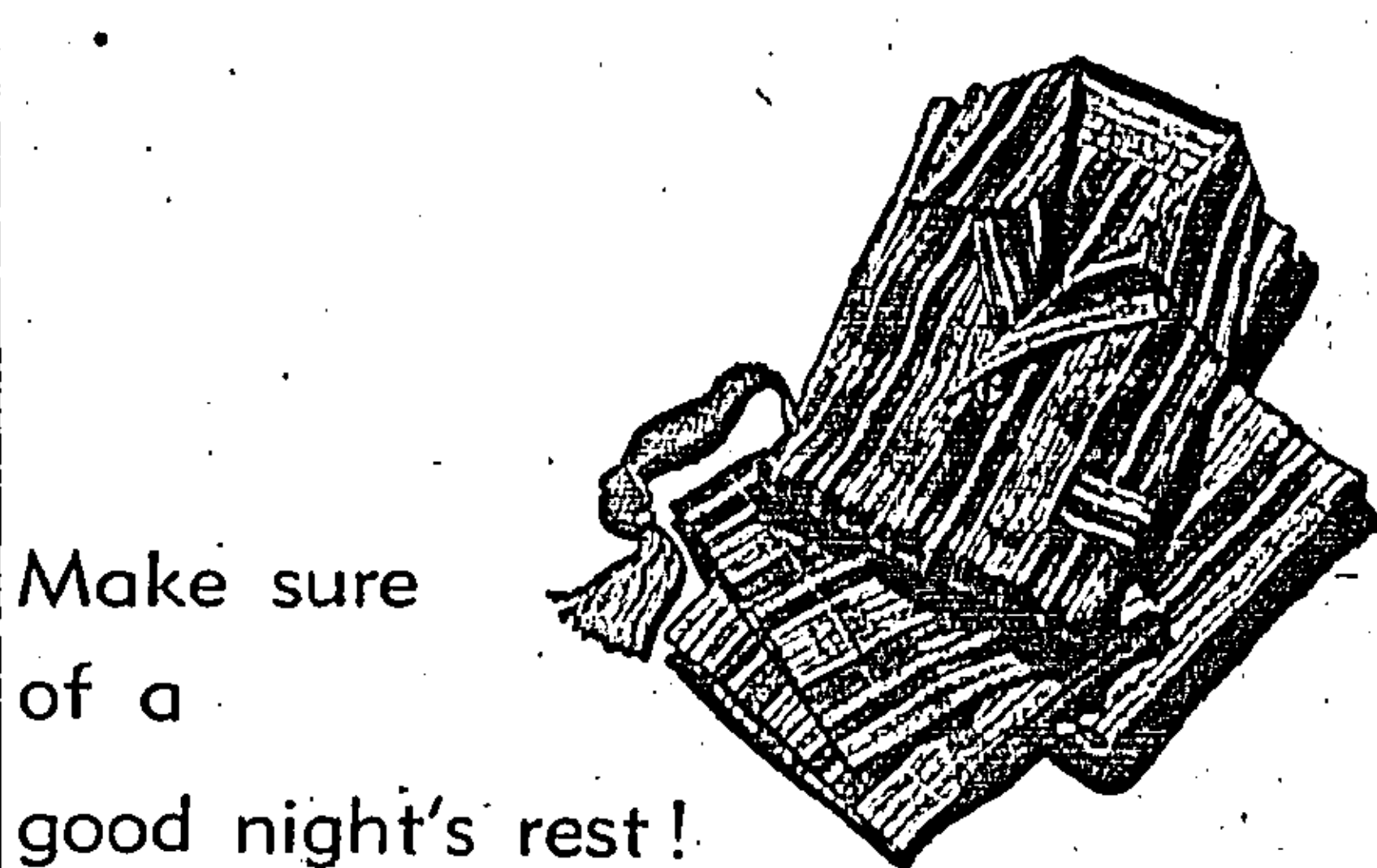
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WESTERN FRONT

War's 380th Communique

Much Activity And Raid On Paris

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, Mar. 11 (UP).—The 380th communique officially issued since the start of the war by the French High Command stated that rather brisk local engagements took place to-day southeast of the Nled.

Artillery was active in the Vosges sector.

Both air forces were active on the Western Front.

Anti-aircraft batteries fired several rounds and searchlights went into action over Paris at 9.15 to-night.

However, no announcement was made of aircraft

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

INTEREST HAS APPARENTLY WANED

Slight Enthusiasm At Sookunpoo:

Hongkong C.C. Trounce Craigengower C.C.

THE fact that the K.C.C. were already sure of the Shield seems to have taken a lot of interest out of their game with the I.R.C. at Sookunpoo though it should not have done as a good stout game between two evenly matched sides should be enough for anyone. As it was I am told that there was a lot of slovenly fielding and several catches were put down.

K.C.C. batted first and opened with F. J. Lay and D. Hung. The latter did not stay long but Lay put together 27 before he grew impatient and lifted one from Minu to A. M. Rumjahn in the country.

Then came a long stand between E. F. Fincher and T. A. Madar and Minu found himself in a difficulty as his two change bowlers were crooked so far as bowling went. A. M. Rumjahn having a damaged finger and Arculli having a strained knee. He tried Kitchell, Nazarin, Bakar and M. P. Madar when he and A. H. Rumjahn had gone off; and Baker (3 for 23) was easily the most successful. T. A. Madar got 53 but he was dropped more than once. Anderson made 38 and Robbie Lee 20. Teddy Fincher put himself down last and declared with the score at 189 for 9 wickets.

A FAIR DRAW

IT has been suggested that the I.R.C. nearly won the match but when I discussed the point with a member of the Indians' side, he said quite definitely that he never thought they had a chance for it as at the close they still wanted thirty runs with four wickets to go. Kowloon were rather up against it as Lloyd was not playing and Robbie Lee had an off day. A. H. Rumjahn made 47, Kitchell 33, Y. el Arculli 23, M. P. Madar 22 not out and S. A. Ismail 24 not out. Anderson bowled five overs for five runs and one wicket and perhaps might have been used a little more.

The Club Win

THE H.K.C.C. were at home to Craigenower, and turned out a pretty strong side with three C.C.C. men and two from the Army. Holmes, a slow left-hand bowler who flirts the ball a bit, did very well at the start and Hulso (28), A. K. Ismail (19) and Billmorris 17 not out alone did anything. Macellan going on late had three for six in three overs and John Pearce took two for seventeen.

When the Club came to bat Gross showed once more that he has come back to form and hit 59. It is very fortunate as the Foresters batting wants allaying for the Easter Match against the Club. Richardson, as he was not playing for the C.C.C., promptly hit 42—a partnership of 65 for the first wicket—and Perry—same idea—had 25. The Club won easily.

Second Division

THERE was no other Senior Cricket but in the second division various things happened. The R.A.F., a very keen side, crushed C.C.C. second eleven's hopes by putting them out for eighty seven and then making 123. They rely very largely on Nancarrow who made 42 and took three wickets for 17 runs. Gillespie's figures of 11-5-24-5 were excellent. Cook helped with 26 putting on 56 runs with Nancarrow.

MacLeod's Century

THE Civil Service had some difficulty in raising a team and the Army second were very rough with a weak bowling side. MacLeod had a not out century but the score of 206 was quite unnecessary and they failed to get the C.S. out, thanks largely to Stone, Crawley and MacGowan.

Shield

NEITHER of the probable Shield winners was engaged, while K.C.C. second concluded a surprisingly disappointing season by getting beaten by the Police who have a surprising knack of coming out strong on occasions. Popo got 40 and Loughlin 28 while S. A. Gray was unfortunately run out when he was one short of his half century, for Kowloon.

ROUND WORLD CYCLIST IN HONGKONG

He Found The World Still Uncivilised

A CYCLIST who has just completed a tour around the world and says, unlike others, he met with no adventure, has arrived in the Colony. He is Mr. Ram Nath Biswas, a Hindu, and he is on his way back to Singapore, from where he started on his tour on a push-bike in July, 1931.

Mr. Biswas covered practically every country in his travels, and said that the only experience he gained was that he found the world still uncivilised.

Badminton Match Postponed

Owing to the indisposition of K. L. Yong, the men's doubles badminton championship match between Yong and H. F. Chew and H. M. Lau and S. C. Chung, scheduled for to-night, has been postponed until Friday. The match will be played at Talkoo at 9 p.m.

Rugby Football

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT Holders Fortunate To Beat Small Units: Bank Wins Easily

(By "Fly-half")

A LARGE CROWD, a record for Monday night sevens, witnessed interesting games on the Club ground yesterday when the first matches in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament were played. A sum of roughly, \$60 was taken, and Wednesday will probably bring out a larger crowd as the strong Club and R. E. Sevens will be on view.

The results were:
Police "A" 8
5th A.A. 6
Civil Service 6
Police "B" 6
H.K. Bank 19

8 Combd. Small Units
6 Royal Scots "B"
6 Club "B"
6 Talkoo
19 Tamar and S/Ships "B"

Police "A" did not impress in their game with Small Units, and have to thank Taylor for his penalty kick which gave them victory. Although getting the ball in the scrums and lineouts, the Police backs did little with it. Fay and Wilson were too easily suppressed or forced to kick to touch. Wall was an active scrum-half. Cullinan and Innes did well in the forward play.

Combes was nippy for the Small Units, and gave MacDonald opportunities to show his speed. Crawford was a foraging forward, with Morgan doing well at the base of the scrums.

5th A.A. 6 R. Scots "B" 0

The 5th A.A. came away with a rush near the end to score two tries by Banner and Giblin. This seven, which are expected to do well, was not at their best. The spirited play of the Scots, for whom Kilscale, Patterson and Fairley were prominent, kept the 5th A.A. out, and, indeed, might have scored if they had passed more instead of being brought down until he was brought down in possession.

An injury to Cody's head was attended to on the field, and he was able to carry on.

Civil Service 6 Club "B" 0

The Civil Service brought Geo. Fowler and O. G. Tressider in place of Hynes and Burford

F. A. To Hold Wartime Cup Competition

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The English Football League Management Committee have decided to hold a wartime Cup competition to begin with a preliminary round of matches on April 13. Thereafter, the first two rounds will be played on a home and away basis, the winners of the most goals being the winners. The tournament will then resolve itself into a knock-out competition.

The first round will be played on April 20 and 27; the second on May 4 and 11; the third on May 18; the fourth on May 25; the semi-finals on June 1 and the final on June 8.

The draw for the preliminary round is as follows:

South "A"—Southend v. Queen's P. R.; Brighton v. Clapton O.; Northampton v. Watford; Mansfield v. Notts C.

South "B"—Bristol R. v. Aldershot; Cardiff v. Reading; Bourne mouth v. Bristol C.; Port Vale v. Walsall; Swindon v. Torquay.

North "A"—Southport v. Oldham; New Brighton v. Crewe; Rochdale v. Accrington; Barrow v. Carlisle; Wrexham v. Stockport.

North "B"—York v. Bradford C.; Hartlepool v. Halifax; Darlington v. Gateshead; Hull v. Lincoln; Doncaster v. Rotherham.

Third Round Draw For Scottish Cup

LONDON, Mar. 12 (Reuter).—The third round of the Scottish Cup will be played on March 23, and the draw is as follows:
Airdrie v. Hearts; Morton v. Motherwell v. Clyde; St. Mirren v. Falkirk or Glasgow Rangers; Dundee U. v. Kilmarnock.

Tournament Tennis

O. UMETANI DEFEATS HUSSAIN 9-7, 6-2,

Neat Display Of Stroke Precision

(By "Tinker")

O. UMETANI, the only Japanese entrant in the Colony Open tennis tournament, entered the second round of the singles yesterday when he beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2. Much interest was evinced in the match, and the Japanese, who is a ranking hard courts player in Japan, was not disappointing.

The ground was extremely slippery, and neither player was at full tase in his endeavours for angled cross-court shots. Umetani, of much lighter build than his Indian opponent, had an advantage in his light agility. His greatest advantage, however, was in his stroke production.

His neat and precise forehand and backhand shots gained much admiration, and despite the score of the first set it is not wrong to state that he was a far better player than Hussain. The latter, however, has shown an enormous improvement in play, and in the first set was leading 6-0. The Japanese opened out with flashing cross-court shots, and excellent passing drives down the side-lines, and fought his way to level terms. His early lapse was probably due to nervousness.

Umetani, if anything in the opening set was inclined to be indecisive, and dropped his shots mid-court nearly every time. Hussain varied his length and pace with very fine control, and on more than one occasion had his opponent running from one side of the court to the other. At this stage, too, he was

particularly successful with short drop shots.

PLEASING ACCURACY

BOTH were showing a pleasing accuracy, and one of the most noticeable features of the game was the number of points won by outright winners, rather than on mistakes.

On a dry firm court, Umetani should be a player well worth watching. Even on yesterday's ground, while sliding around, his stroke execution was crisp and firm, and there was never anything indecisive about his volleying. In the second set, he took firm command, and never let up.

Yesterday's scores were:

OPEN SINGLES

O. Umetani beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2.
Marsland Ma beat A. R. Kitchell 11-9, 6-3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

J. S. Theobald beat V. R. Gordon 11-9, 3-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell beat C. C. Stark and C. M. Stark 6-4, 6-1.
A. Lade and G. W. Sewell beat M. Pagh and E. Zulau 8-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES

L. M. Lloyd beat H. D. Bidwell 6-0, 9-7.

To-day's Matches

Matches for to-day are:

OPEN SINGLES

J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U.

OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould.
J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and Bick Szelo.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

D. M. MacDougall v. P. W. Blyth.
G. W. Sewell v. A. T. Dow.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert v. J. R. M. Smith and D. J. S. Crozier.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley v. H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews.

Golf

ADAMSON CUP COMPETITION

First Round Matches

The following is the draw for the first round of the Adamson Cup Competition:

Bye, S. T. Rutlin (12); G. F. Willerton (12) v. E. Edgar (10); T. J. Price (9) v. F. Buckle (12); A. J. MacFarlane (10) v. G. W. Reeve (13); D. Humphreys (9) v. Hugh Smith (9); G. Davies (10) v. J. Forbes (9); D. S. Edwards (3) v. E. Tuck (14); bye, W. W. C. Sheehan (7).
The first round is to be played on or before March 24; the second round, April 7; semi-final, April 21; and final, April 28. Players are asked not to leave matches till the last available date. The first in each bracket is the challenger, and the winner should enter the result.
T. J. Price qualified for the competition with a score of 77-0=68.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th March, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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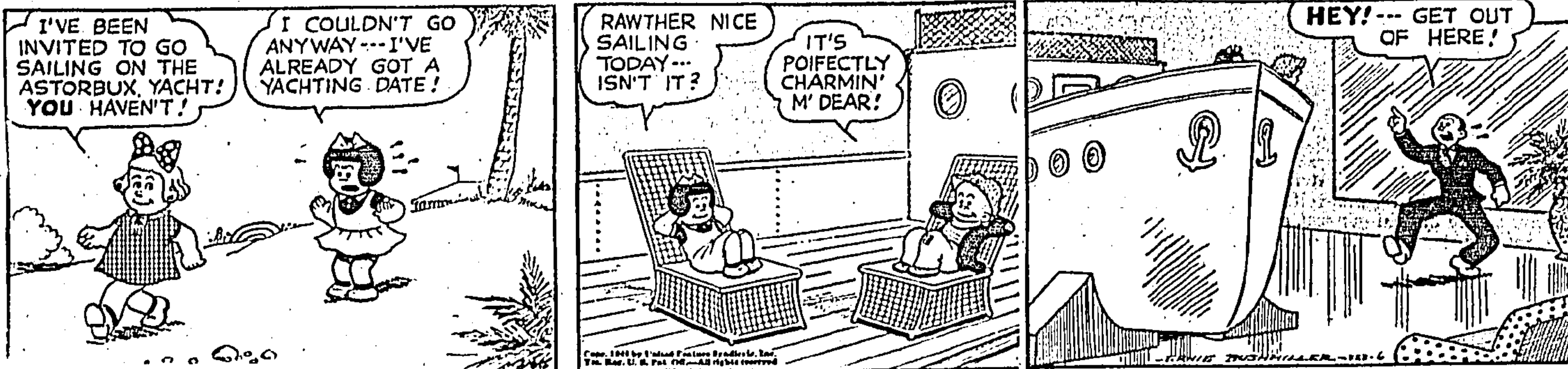
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—AT EXILE PARLIAMENT PARIS.

"POLAND has not yet perished! Let us hurl these proud words at the enemy. Poland will never perish!"

In a firm voice, Ignace Paderewski, Poland's veteran statesman, patriot, and musician, uttered these sentences of the Polish national anthem at the dramatic opening of Poland's exile Parliament.

The representatives of the Polish people were all refugees: workmen, politicians and soldiers. They had assembled in a reception room of the once-glistening Polish Embassy in Paris to reassert Poland's independence and to revive her sovereign status as a nation.

17 Members

Officially termed "the National Council of the Polish Republic," the Assembly will form the nucleus of the Parliament of the new Poland. It consisted of only 16 men and one woman. Not one of them was a member of the Polish Parliament of 220 members which last sat in Warsaw.

Two were working men, and one was a Jewish delegate representing the 3,500,000 Jews now under the rule of the Nazis and the Soviets. There was Herman Lieberman, veteran leader of the former Polish Socialist Party, member of every Polish Parliament except the last "hand-picked" one. The others represented the other former Polish Parties.

The National Councilors sat in two rows, facing each other. Paderewski, sat the frail old man with flowing white hair who was elected President of the Council—Ignace Paderewski. At the other end sat the new President of Poland, Vladimir Raczkiewicz, beside the Premier, General Sikorski, and the members of the Polish exile Cabinet.

At the lower end of the room had been erected an altar, at which was the Chaplain-General of the Polish Army.

Then the 60-year-old musician-statesman, frail but still vigorous, rose.

"Poland is immortal," he said. "We shall deliver her from captivity and shall restore her from her ruins."

"Solemn Vow"

"I do not know if God will permit me to take part for long in the work of the National Council, and that is why I wish at the outset to set out my views as a citizen of Poland."

"We are assembled here on the hospitable soil of France, but the most important source of our powers and our duties is the people of Poland."

"We are not struggling for a feudal Poland or a capitalist or Socialist Poland, or a Poland of big landowners or of peasants, but for a complete unified and great Poland."

"None amongst us exiles wishes to return purely and simply to the state of things which existed in former days."

"For the future we must find a form of Government which can reconcile the principles of democratic equality before the law for every citizen and with a stable and strong form of Government."

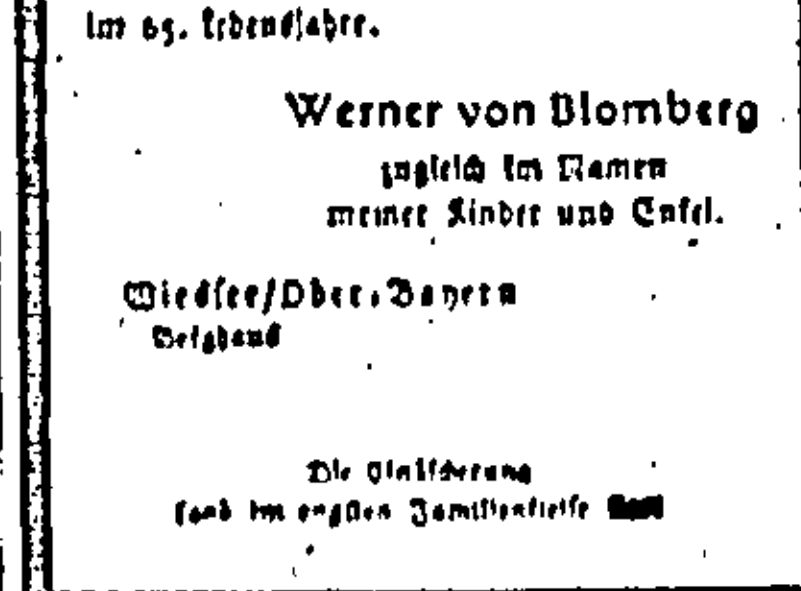
ROME TELLS OF TERROR

FRESH details of Nazi oppression in Poland were given on the Vatican Radio, in a broadcast which was repeated in English. At Gniezno troops have been billeted in the seminary. Poznan cathedral has been converted into a dance-hall.

Poles have been forbidden to pray at roadside shrines. Hundreds of priests have been arrested and sent to the worst concentration camps, where they are given the lowest labour, others where they have to wash the latrines.

Another Vatican broadcast declared that all religious teaching in professional training schools in Germany had been abolished by decree, and denounced the step as a flagrant violation of the Reich Concordat.

Minister Who Warned Hitler Not Dead



WERNER VON BLOMBERG, the Nazi War Minister who warned Hitler against launching war and was therefore dropped, is still alive at his Wiessee, Upper Bavaria, house. Uncertainty about his fate grew both inside and outside Germany after reports that Blomberg and number of his friends had incurred Hitler's wrath.

An announcement of the death of his sister, Margarete von Blomberg, appeared in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung." She died in Berlin at the age of 65.

The announcement is signed by Werner von Blomberg in the name of the War Office created a sensation early in 1938, and served as a pretext for the pro-Hitler generals to oust him from office.

Blomberg's marriage to a typist in the War Office created a sensation early in 1938, and served as a pretext for the pro-Hitler generals to oust him from office.

UMBRELLA SQUADRON

FIFTEEN THOUSAND feet up, somewhere between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, a British fighter pilot met a 274 m.p.h. Heinkel bomber. He attacked it and the bomber crashed in France. The emblem of its squadron found painted on its side was a furled Chamberlain umbrella stuck through by a German sword.

The emblem was cut away—and today it hangs as a trophy on the wall of an R.A.F. officers' mess in France.

And there is a terrible real among R.A.F. fighter pilots to bag the next of the Nazi "Umbrella Squadron."

'Nazi March East' That No One Has Seen

REPORTS reaching Britain of apparently ominous German troop movements in Slovakia and near the Rumanian frontier in Soviet-Poland are discounted by competent observers here.

Among the stories of this type which have circulated recently are these:

- (1) That German officers have been sent into Slovakia to stiffen the Slovak Army;
- (2) That German troops are concentrated in Slovakia as an apparent threat against Hungary;
- (3) That German troops have marched into Polish Galicia (the southern part of Soviet-occupied Poland) to establish a "German Corridor" up to the Rumanian frontier; and
- (4) That German troops have marched into Polish Galicia to protect German interests in the oilfields there under a new agreement with Russia.

In all these reports the theme persists of German troops on the march somewhere near the northern frontiers of Rumania and Hungary.

Rumania Calm
After the closest inquiries I can find no convincing evidence of such troop movements or concentrations. Rumanian official circles remain calm, and deny the reports categorically.

Travellers and refugees coming to Rumania from the Lvov district give a possible explanation.

They say that some German technical troops remained behind in Soviet-occupied Poland, and they have been trying to reorganise and speed-up rail traffic through this area between Rumania and Germany.

German officers remained behind also to deal with the exchange of populations between the German and Russian parts of Poland.

But all agree that no fresh German troops have moved into Russian territory recently.

Building Roads
Germany has twice officially denied the reported troop moves, and authoritative quarters here in Budapest believe and support those denials.

Latest information from Hungary is to the same effect.

Discussing these reports of German troop movements in the "Daily Herald," W. N. Ewer expressed the opinion that they were planted on credulous neutral correspondents by the German Propaganda Bureau or its agents in neutral countries.

The purpose is this: to wait until the story is published in some British or French newspaper, and then to issue an official denial in Berlin. When the Germans are proved later to have been correct in their denial, they can accuse the Allies of "manufacturing lying propaganda."

Ex-Beauty Queen Accuses Doctor, Summons Fails

MISS IVY MAUD DAWKINS (Miss Angela Joyce, the film actress and former beauty queen), who in 1935 unsuccessfully sued Lord Revelstoke for alleged breach of promise, at Chertsey Sessions, summoned Dr. Charles Alexander McPherson, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Surrey County Council, accusing him of assault.

The case was dismissed.

Giving evidence, Miss Dawkins said after waiting in the doctor's car at Weybridge for four hours in exceedingly cold conditions, she told him it was a disgraceful thing to have abandoned her for such a long period.

"With that he went white with rage and called me a blackmailer and a prostitute, and with both hands clenched gave me two terrific blows in the face," she went on.

"In A Frenzy"
She put up her right arm to ward off the blows, and he caught hold of it and hit her on the head with it. By that time she was in an absolute frenzy, so she pulled off a shoe and smashed the glass of the clock and one or two breakable articles in the front of the car.

He was so infuriated that he jumped into the car and drove straight to the police station.

Later she had two hours' conversation with C.I.D. men. She pointed out the injuries to her face and her terribly dishevelled condition.

Miss Dawkins added there had been a big quarrel which led up to these events.

Mr. C. E. Rochford (for the doctor): For what purpose have you instituted these proceedings?—He beat me up, and why should he beat me up and get away with it?

Engaged 3½ Years
Are not these proceedings instituted for the purpose of blackmail?—Indeed they are not.

She said that she had been a friend of Dr. McPherson's for some years. They had been engaged for 3½ years, and shortly after the engagement he took her to Bourne-mouth, where he introduced her to his parents but they did not appear to like her.

They had arranged to be married and had settled upon a house at

Lady Incheape May Succeed To Sarawak Throne

SIR CHARLES BROOKE, white Rajah of Sarawak, may be succeeded by his eldest daughter, the twenty-eight-year-old Countess of Incheape, who would be the first woman to rule the State's 440,000 natives. He has deposed his nephew, Mr. Anthony Brooke, from the position of Crown Prince which he has held since March last year.

Surprise and excited by her husband's action, the Ranees of Sarawak, now lecturing in the United States, said she was "pretty sure" Lady Incheape would become the Crown Princess.

Lady Incheape is now driving an ambulance in England.

The Ranees added: "My nephew married the sister of a Government official about a month ago. 'I don't like to be snobbish, but the natives are very particular about these things.'"

"It was rather an unfortunate marriage."

"I am amazed and excited. It must be making the biggest excitement in years in Sarawak."

Sir Charles Brooke issued a proclamation depriving his nephew of his title of Crown Prince in the Borneo State ruled by the Brooke family. The proclamation said:—"It appears to us that our nephew is not yet fitted to exercise the responsibilities of this high position."

May Not Know
Mr. Brooke and his wife are now in Athens. Mr. Brooke, who is twenty-seven, probably does not yet know that he has been removed from his position.

While the rajah was in England last summer Mr. Brooke ruled Sarawak.

His wife was formerly Miss Kathleen Hadden, of Winterbourne, Bristol.

The present rajah, who is sixty-five, succeeded his father in 1917.

The first of the Brooke family to be Rajah of Sarawak was Sir James. He went to Borneo in his yacht in 1839, and fought for two years to quell a rebellion for the Sultan of Sarawak. The sultan made him rajah in gratitude.

Gold, diamonds, copper, coal and timber are among Sarawak's products. The country is as big as England and Wales, and is an independent State under British protection.

The Countess of Incheape married the second earl in 1933. He died last year. She has a son, born in 1934, and a daughter, born in 1936.

kins and said that it was not true that they had an illicit affair.

Miss Dawkins: They say I am a hard, cold woman, who only wants his money, yet I have left him all mine in my will.

Dismissing the case, the chairman said that there was no doubt some violence had been used by both.

[In May, 1935, jury in King's Bench Division returned verdict for Lord Revelstoke in breach of promise action brought against him by Miss Angela Joyce. Judgment was entered for him with costs. Miss Joyce was elected "Miss England" in international beauty contest in 1928.]

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 9 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS
Straits and Falmouth Mar. 12.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 6th March.

Europe, via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th January) Mar. 13.
Java and Manila Mar. 13.
Shanghai Mar. 13.
Shanghai and Amoy Mar. 13.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th March.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 7th March, Mar. 14.
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OUTWARD MAILS
Tuesday, Mar. 12

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London, 20th March.
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Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
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Ord. Mar. 12, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 18th March.
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Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 4th April.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta
Parcels Mar. 12, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 13

Japan Mar. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Holmow Mar. 13, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy Mar. 13, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France, Egypt and Northern Provinces only by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 21st March.
K. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 13, 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 14

Shanghai Mar. 14, 9.00 a.m.
Sandakan Mar. 14, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard Mar. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st March.
K.P.O.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 14, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 14, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, March 15

Halong Mar. 15, 1.00 p.m.
Shanghai Mar. 15, 2.30 p.m.
Sandakan Mar. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Japan Mar. 15, 3.30 p.m.
Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 3rd April.
Kowloon P. O.
Parcels Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 15, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 15, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Mar. 15, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 15, 7.00 p.m.

Meat Rations In Britain Too Early To Judge Reactions

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Meat rationing started to-day throughout Great Britain but as most of the people were finishing off the Sunday joint butchers are still waiting to see how the public will make use of their coupons.

Until they can judge the public reaction, the butchers are wondering if housewives will serve only unrationed meats and fish during the week thus saving the coupons for the week-end joint.

Meat can be purchased at restaurants without coupons and there has been an increased demand for such dishes in many catering establishments here to-day.

Sea Biscuit To Retire

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mr. C. S. Howard, owner of Sea Biscuit, has announced the retirement of the "greatest money winning horse of all time" to a quiet north Californian breeding farm.

"It is time for a champion to retire when he is still champion," said the owner. "I think Sea Biscuit has certainly earned a rest."

During its seven-year career, Sea Biscuit won \$437,750 for Mr. Howard.

MOSCOW CANARD DENIED

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The official German news agency to-day issued a message from Moscow saying that according to a message from Kabul to the Tass Agency there were persistent rumours in India that a meeting of the Indian National Congress, which had been fixed for March 15, had been prohibited by the British authorities.

Reuters is informed by the India Office here that this is untrue.

Melbourne Railway Services Cut

MELBOURNE, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Railway services are being drastically cut here. The suburban electric train service has been halved and cheap Sunday excursions have been discontinued as a result of a coal strike which began to-day.

Heavier curtailments of the railway services after Easter have been forecast.

